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UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 26, 1937.

Dear Mrs. Schmitt:

Miss McCain just 'phoned me that I had better buy a suit of armor before you come to the house next time because of my failure to keep you advised of messages received from Waldo. You can do your gunning much nearer home, right in Takoma in fact, since that is where the fault lies.

When the first message came in I understood that Dr. Wetmore was notifying you and on receipt of the second message, which I happened to personally take, I merely phoned the new address to Miss McCain and sent the message in to A. W. to attend to. It was not until just a moment or two after Miss McCain had called me down for failure to notify you that the second message was sent out to me with the request that I send copies to you. I am enclosing copies of the two messages thus far received and will see that you are promptly advised of any future communications.

Next time you come over please remind me to tell you about publicity in "The World is Yours."

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. S. Bryant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Mineralogy and Petrology,
October 17, 1938

Memorandum to Dr. Schmitt:

The phosphate rocks of the West Indies have been studied only superficially and it is probable that they contain new mineral species. The following minerals have been described from these deposits:

Collophanite: A phosphate of lime found at Sombrero, Mona and Moneta Islands.

Brushite: An acid phosphate of lime found at Aves and Sombrero Islands.

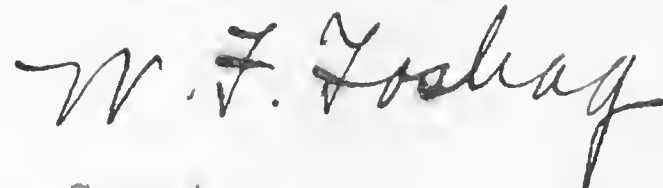
Metabrushite: An acid phosphate of lime, from Sombrero Island.

Martinite: An acid phosphate of lime found at Table Mountain, near St. Barbara, Curacao.

Specimens of these minerals are rare in collections, although they are probably common at the phosphate deposits. No one has ever made a systematic search for them. Other mineral species are undoubtedly present and these species are likely to be found on other islands.

Any small crystal-lined cavities or crevices should be collected, as these contain minerals in most desirable form.

Very truly yours,



Curator,
Mineralogy and Petrology

Dr. Waldo Schmitt,
U. S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

you later.

However, I am not yet quite sure what my plans are for the winter. As I told Bob Long in a letter the other day, I am vaguely working on a novel, and the best way that I can see for it to become less vague in my mind (unfortunately!) is to keep on working on it. However, I am definitely going to Hawaii for a short

^{P.S.} Mary Lee + Virginia send their best, & my best to Mrs. Schmitt.

1125 Fifth Avenue Nov. 15, 1937.

Dear Dr. Schmitt -

Thanks so much for your long letter. I don't know whether or not I would like to return to the West Indies this winter, but the idea of the Galapagos intrigues me very much. And if we did go to the Galapagos, I could always let you go ~~back~~ to the West Indies for awhile and then join

stay, and I had also thought of taking a trip
to the West Coast. Of course in such a case
the Galapagos would be ideal.

At any rate, I will be able to tell you
definitely within two months, if that is not too
late.

Bob is working on a very serious magazine
called the "Anklet", as satire on the "Auk", in which
he explains the fact that wild geese are bereft of
their mate never mate again as causing them to
be wild and proving them to be geese.

Thanks again so much for the letter -

Very sincerely yours -
Huntington.

ago from Bermuda. The race was
very exciting, as we came in so
close to one another; less than a
minute. The boats raced back too,
but I had to come on ahead - and
I am just as glad. We broke our
main gallant mast, & because of the
tie-up of the stays could only use
about half our sails.

Thanks so much for the photo -
I will write you soon again - sincerely
Hendington.

1125 Fifth Avenue

Sept. 27, 1937

Dear Dr. Schmitt,

You remember how ~~as~~ I once
celebrates a birthday and an anni-
versary on the same day? Well,
last night two of my friends had
a double birthday party, so I
know you will excuse the handwriting
if it does not quite function.

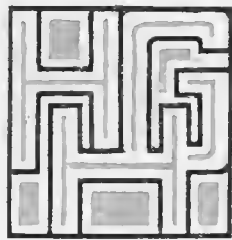
I only returned a few days

You will forgive me.

The story; for instance,

about the tears in my
eyes and the water in
his mouth is just too
good not to be stolen.

Your identification with
it, however, is thoroughly



SEAVERGE
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

Dear Dr. Schmitt -

Just a note to
let you know I am
returning your diary.

I could not resist

taking a few extracts

from it, and I hope

assumed!

In my last letter, you remember,
I mentioned a ship on the "Comad".

We have now planned to race a
square-rigger called the "Seven Seas"

to Bermuda about the first of

September. It will take about a

week, & we will probably stay

there about a week - aboard the ship.

Would there be any chance of your

getting off? Sincerely - Hunt.

to 1035 5th Avenue, N.Y.C.

That is my secretary's address,

+ as I am going to Europe on

the Normandie on Wednesday. We

finally decided on a short European

jaunt - only two or three weeks.

I have some business to attend to

(believe it or not!) and Mary Lee

and Trudy Astor expect to have

a good time looking for furniture

and such in London.

P.S. I haven't had a chance to read
your book yet - am going to do it on my
way over to Europe.



THE HOMESTEAD.

HOT SPRINGS.

VIRGINIA.

May 29, 1937.

Dear Dr. Schmidt -

I am sorry not to have
written you sooner, but I have been
so busy since arriving in New York.

For one thing, I wanted to tell

you that if you happen to get
an opportunity to send any of

that diary, you better send it

I received the nicest letter from the
ambassador of Ecuador - if I can think up
how to address him, I am going to answer him!
What did you do to him, anyway - give him
a porpoise dinner?

I have rarely had more fun than our trip,
Dr. Schmidt - I do hope we can take another
soon again. Are you teaching your wife the
rumba? Aren't you relieved that there
are no widow women in ~~East~~ Washington!
I am still getting telegrams from Crowley about
the "Barbettes" By the way, I have decided
to write a book of essays, entitling it
"The Joseph Conrad, & Other Essays" or some-
thing like that - I think it will be more in my
line than a regular novel -

Very sincerely yours.

Huntington.

1125 Fifth Avenue

Dear Dr. Schmitt.

Just a note to tell you that
I asked Capt Trovian to send you his
address and that of the shop.

Thanks ever so much for the
carbon copy. I would really appreciate
having the rest of it - if you could just
have it done, & send the bill to me.

The address is Miss Hardacker 1035
5th & she will keep it till I get back
from Europe in a month.

As I know you want to use

Your diary for publication some day.
I will not use much of the material.
I really would like to have it more as
a check on my own work than any-
thing else; but if it is of any trouble
at all getting the first part copied,
please don't think of doing it, as I
want none in the least.

I am in a terrible rush, as
I am leaving this morning on the
boat -

Thanks for the letter -

Very sincerely,
Hunt.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF EXPERIMENT STATIONS

PUERTO RICO AGRICULTURAL
EXPERIMENT STATION

AL/MB

Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, April 28, 1937.

Dr. Waldo Schmidt,
On Board the S. S. "Joseph Conrad,"
San Juan Harbor,
San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Dear Waldo:

Your letter of April 26th has just arrived this morning, and I was tremendously pleased to hear that you were unexpectedly back here in Puerto Rico.

I will almost certainly be over to San Juan before you leave on May 2nd, and I will surely make it a point to look you up.

Concerning the visit of Mr. Maurice Petit of the Botanic Garden of St. Thomas, we would be very pleased to have him visit this Experiment Station. The harbor at Mayaguez is charted for air plane landings so that he could come right to Mayaguez harbor if the marine planes could be persuaded to bring him here.

I myself am leaving for Washington on May 6th instead of April 29th as I had expected when I saw you last. This departure is keeping me quite busy, but in case Mr. Petit should come either before or after my departure, there are other men at the Station who could take care of him very ably.

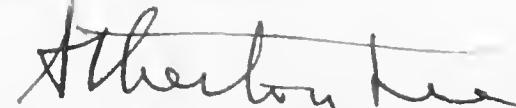
I will look forward to seeing you in San Juan if nothing comes up to interfere with my projected trip.

I am not quite sure of how I should address this letter but hope that the post office will see that you get it.

Please remember me to your friends on the "Joseph Conrad."

With best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



Atherton Lee
Director

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DR WALDO L SCHMITT, PHONE HIGHLAND LANE TAKOMAPARK MD=

HARTFORD REQUEST ME TO NOTIFY YOU THAT JOSEPH CONRAD WILL
SAIL FROM CHARLESTON THUESDAY MORNING MARCH SECOND WILL EXPECT
YOU SUNDAY MORNING TO LOAD EQUIPMENT=

ROBERT LUNZ JR.

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3520-73rd St. Jackson Heights
Mar 31st 1937

Dear Doc

Was darn glad to hear
from you but you omitted
telling about the "shrimps"
Find any new ones yet?
There are a few around here
I'd like to get classified

It looks like my
chances of getting away
are in the same class as
an old man's virility.
There was a special meeting
called on the 24th, so the
heat was turned on plenty
& it's still on.

Tell Kennedy to
enlarge on those 'etc's' he puts
in his post cards as it
starts my imagination
working overtime & he
can't be that good.

I haven't received the card
from your office yet, but
you can depend on my
using it with great pleasure
when it does arrive.

Give Hunt & the rest
my best and tell them
if they do the things I'd
do, an ounce of prevention
etc.

Ask the gang if they
want to make any bets so
let me know

Good luck -
Mac

Dear Miss McCain

Written various times
mailed Tuesday May 11
at Havana

hoping but the
usual routine of a forward bound
trip to write about— plenty but
some packing and not much writing.
One doesn't feel much like effort.

It's a sort of let down from the
trip. Putting in at Cienfuegos

just gave us a nasty crop of
flies, a d-misance. The

rest of the bunch took an auto
ride across Jamaica to the side,
Montego Bay where we picked them
up. I stayed with shit in pots

of getting a surprise but failed to
connect. Thus they had a few word
with the American Consul who told
Bob he had a lot of alcohol etc.

for the expedition. But said not
ours, you must mean the S.I.
Roebuck. He said yes, but I
heard the trip had been called
off and you can have it if you
want it. Has come. Had
Bartsch's trip fizzle? Wetmore has
dropped me three or four notes but
has never mentioned it. He did
say Miller got 8 porpoises at
Panama. Fine work but I've
decided if we are to get any more
we've got to have a light Krumpholtz
gun. A lot of trials and misses
could have been converted into
specimens. Had we the right equip-
ment. I'll be bringing one box of 8oz
bottle back empty at trip was cut

^{not much}
I think this summer about Bant
has me all ears. —————

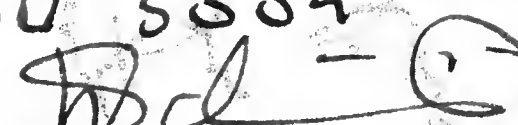
Josh - I've gained a couple of pounds.
What to do - go on a diet when I get
home?

Hope you folks are cooler than we are
it was up to 85 yesterday and promising
to do as well a better than that today.

However today and yesterday afternoon has
been comfortably cool with the thermometers
ranging between 74 and 78. The earlier
we may get into Charleston is the 16th - but
it will be before the 18th certainly not later.

The April Compilator has an article
on Saba Id. by Talcott Powell. My
cousin still has it I'd like it. & later
the May number with a Second Saba Id.
account. We are leaving here about the
18th. This was written on the way to Saba
but I think I'll hold it until I get ^{right} home.

P.S.

I had been sort of
looking for a letter here.
Nor has the Trinidad
letter caught up with
me though Ahina's
personal one did. I
don't expect to write
again unless something
urgent. Leaving here on
Wednesday the 12. expect
to be in Charleston 16 to 18
& home around 20th or
shortly after. No porpoises
here or Habana either. Drat
it. See you soon
Cheerio 

Remember me to and too.
Will be darned glad to
be home again, even tho
it's been a nice trip.

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May 6, 1937

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Your letter mailed at Kingston arrived this morning. It got here very promptly.

I have just looked through the file and pulled out the carbon of the letter I mailed to Port of Spain, Trinidad. I'll enclose it with this, since the lack of it seems to be worrying you so much. As you can see, it's nothing to worry about missing.

I'm glad that you will be back so soon, although I can see a hectic two weeks for myself the last half of this month! I don't know whether you'll be able to get much out of me or not. I'm beginning to get your feeling--the devil take you all, I'll soon be gone. I'll do my best by you, though. We'll have a holiday the 31st because the 30th is on Monday. I'd like to work the 31st, so that I can spend some time running around on the 1st paying the rent, buying traveler's checks, etc., and then get off for New York early that afternoon. My boat sails at 4 p.m. June 2nd, but I would like to go up the day before so as to have the evening there. I've asked Kenneth to meet me there, but haven't heard whether he can. If he can't, I'll do something by myself or with one of Florence's friends, perhaps.

The Ichs and Herps and Mammalogists are meeting this week. They started yesterday, and apparently their meetings are all in this auditorium. There are an awful lot of them milling around. I saw Dr. Hildebrand in the crowd yesterday.

Mr. Maloney left Saturday for Mississppi and will be back on the 24th. It was a big surprise to me. I didn't know he had any idea of taking leave until the day before he left, but he had talked to Mr. Shoemaker about it.

A big bundle of separates of your Emerita article came from the South African Museum a few days ago. I acknowledged them to Barnard.

Miss Gordon at last sent a copy of the portrait of Dr. Calman. She did not say anything about the little paper on Cuvier's Crustacea plates that I had sent her for you. In fact, she has ~~ax~~ never acknowledged it, although I wrote her a letter at the same time. I hope she got them.

Here's a blow to your hopes--Bartsch is back! He came back several days ago. His trip blew up entirely. The various shipments of

his cases and collecting gear that the Museum sent out are scattered all over Florida and the West Indies, and it is going to cost something to bring them back again. I guess he didn't "take Roebling and his yacht and crew" very far. I heard that Roebling had a couple of women on board and that his biological interests were not synonymous with Bartsch's. Bartsch cramped his style too much, I guess.

Your little limerick was a dandy. It has been a huge success wherever I have repeated it.

W. H. Goldsmith died a couple of days ago. I enclose the account which Miss Rathbun took from the Star. Mr. Shoemaker said he had cancer of the stomach.

Mrs. Cheney's little girl has been quite sick for the last two or three weeks. First she had one ear lanced and then the other, and now they are not sure but what she will have to have a mastoid operation. Mrs. Cheney stayed home with her today. I feel so sorry for her. She seems to have more than one person's share of trouble.

Dorothy Chamberlain (Etheridge, that was) had to quit her job because the Navy Department, where her husband works, tightened up on the marriage clause and told him that it was his job or hers. I hear that Mitman is just holding the job open until July, hoping that the marriage clause may be repealed during this session, *& will get her back.*

There is all kinds of economy talk these days, and 57 varieties of economy legislation ^{are} proposed. Don't be surprised to find yourself with a pay cut the 1st of July. I really don't think they'll have the nerve to cut government salaries, but there's talk of it, and this time they'll figure out some way so that Congressmen won't be cut. We will be sunk then.

The man you missed seeing in Bermuda (what's his name?) was in to see Clark yesterday, and Clark told me this morning that he was sorry to miss you at both ends.

I had dinner with Miss Cable one night last week and learned a most astonishing thing,---that Dr. Hildebrand is not very pleasant to work for. Would you ever have dreamed it! I don't think that she was complaining unreasonably, and I was most astounded. She said that in ten years he would never recommend her for a raise. Last year she *went* over his head to Higgins and got the raise, and then he was sore. The way the conversation started, I told her how I kept a list of the words that I think you mispronounce for you. She said, "You'd never do that for Dr. Hildebrand; he's never wrong." I had always supposed that he was much like you as a boss. I guess you never know people until you work with them or live with them.

I haven't touched the last two bunches of diary--one in a manila envelope and the small bunch in a letter envelope. I shall get started on them tomorrow.

I finished carding the Zoological Record this afternoon. It was a terrific job this year. There are 533 titles and correspondingly many species.

I think that I have done about everything I planned to do while you were gone, except read French for Mr. Shoemaker. I haven't read a word. I wanted to do it for myself, more than for him, but there hasn't been time. I should make new files for next year, and see what I can do on the annual report this far in advance. Mrs. Clapp asked me if I was going to do it before I leave. I said, "Sh-h-h." She said the only thing that is worrying her is that she will have to type it. She said, "You know whenever any extra typing is needed in the Department of Biology, I am the whipping boy." I said, "I'll leave in my will that you are not to be bothered with it."

Gee, if it's as hot as you say down there now, what will it be when I get to Haiti in about a month? Dr. Hildebrand says that Panama will not be uncomfortable, but I bet there is plenty of heat between here and there.

It's just too bad about the things you don't dare ask about. I feel very sorry for you! The Italian town is doing nicely. If it doesn't rain this week end we are going somewhere Saturday and stay over until Sunday--somewhere in the general direction of Winchester, as the apple blossom festival is on now and I have always wanted to see it. She is turning in the Ford on a brand new Plymouth which we had hoped would be here this week, but it won't be, so we'll have to hope that the old bus holds together. She says you will never hear the last of it if she doesn't get that letter. She says that the fact that you didn't get to Tobago is no excuse!

Bartlett sent three separates and Mr. Bryant and I each wangled one more out of Miss Munroe. That makes 5 for you.

I think we had better lie low about the Fish bottles. Dr. Wetmore sent the invoice down disapproved, and said that we should turn them in to the General Supply Committee. We'd better keep still for a while, I think. Fish thought he would be down last week for the oceanographic meetings and he said he would see Dr. Stejenger. He was sure that when Dr. S. understood, it would be all right. I wrote him quick and tried to get him off that tack. I urged him to see me first. I guess he didn't come down; I didn't see anything of him. If he cooked his goose by going to Stejneger after I warned him off, it's his own loss.

I'll make an extra copy of the diary from now on.

Too bad that Mr. Lunz has been so sick. I want to be sure

to take some seasick pills with me. Remind me about them, if you think of it. I don't know what they are until I ask you.

We have been having some very warm weather--hot enough that Congress wants to adjourn. It is cooler today.

I can't think of any more news. It's after 4:30 and I need to be on my way. I had a couple more warts burned off last week and the doctor wants to hold my hand tonight and take a look at them.

Sincerely,

Lucile Mc Cain

En route Jamaica
May 3-37.

Dear Miss McCain, maybe this will
be about my last note even if it
may take another 2 weeks before I
set foot down in Washington. Between
Jamaica which we hope we can make
by Tuesday afternoon (late) and Cuba
I'll have to pack & though I'd hoped
to collect some crayfish on Isle of Pines
that ~~hope~~ will not be realized. It's all
one grand rush to get home (Charleston)
by the fifteenth or sixteenth. We don't
dunk at Cienfuegos and hurry
around to Habana for about a 2 day
stop ourselves. On that way I'll
have an extra day ~~there~~ ^{there} ~~the~~ ^{the} wife is
to meet us there too for the trip to
Charleston. (She shuffles says that
may be our worst crossing, & again

it might be our best. The weather is ⁽²⁾
variable along the east coast and highly
unpredictable. ~~Chick~~ See rather Atter-
ton See of the Experiment! Star. at Mayague-
ez is leaving for Washington on the sixth
of May. If he's around long enough
I'll get to see him which I didn't on
our return to San Juan. We stayed for
short a time. I've read your letter
over several times, a fellow gets sort of
starved for news. All I can say about
the Mrs Miller episode, the Schmitt
made an impression on her she hasn't
forgotten in a hurry. I am glad
Miss Rulston seems alright again. I
was almost afraid it was the end of her
you wrote in the letter before that she
was ill. // We expect the Trinidad
mail to catch up to us in Habana
we left San Juan a day or so soon

for the plane up from the south. You ⁽³⁾
might also make an extra copy of
the notes in mailing from ~~Harleston~~
which will give ~~Harleston~~ at least ^{Kingston} the
last half of the journey. I don't think
hell ever found the first part, so please
and I mean it, don't try to copy that.

These are long days 2 1/2 of them
from San Juan to Jamaica, and
on the sailors say of Kingston "hot
as the hinges of hell." It's 79°-81°
right now but feels hotter. I guess
it's the humidity, and besides Kingston
will have the breeze we are having after
and will feel hotter yet. This is a
pretty letter I know about all I
can think of is getting home now. I
certainly need to catch up a lot of
routine and ahead to think of the reports
like Hegeners awaiting completion. Say,

④

I wonder with Bartsch out of the way
if I can get his artist for a month.
I'm going to try when I get back or don't
fill the beans. There are many
things I want to ask about but
don't dare, like that town in Italy,
Sirenze. Clarence will get some
amphipods out of the cruise but I
guess the sorting into genera will
take all the fun out of it for him.
I haven't so many isopods, they never seem
to turn up in quantity certainly didn't on this
trip, and not a single reptile, only on board.
Right now we are shipping by the S.E. corner
of San Domingo (rather did yesterday ^{fore} noon) and
as Miss Cochran won't get the lizards she
wanted from there. He shall soon be
pulling into Kingston Harbor, but
plan to stay only long enough to land

(5)

Aunt and such members of the party
as may want to accompany him
across the island to Montego Bay
where the ship will proceed during
the night in order to give me a days
collecting there. Of these are surprises
to be had well make a try for them
as one of the rarer species is supposed
to be here at times. I may get
a chance to write from Havana after
receipt of mail. The Mrs. is going to
meet us in Havana on the eleventh
which if not too hot may mean a
couple of days here say 13th before de-
parting. 4-5 days to Charleston a
18[±] and 20th a 21st in Washington maybe.
Hurray, good trip & all that. I shall
be glad to get home again.
Best ever
J. H. S.

I think it will be near 20th at Charleston, + day or two later home. tell Bryant I'll need a bill lading somewhere along line or at least in Charleston. Say hello to Florence. I wish I had 6 hands to write with.

Monday 26th
San Juan

Dear Mrs. McLean
Thanks for doing the Boyden turn + well make out on the Bartlett thing. Hope he sends me the 5. at least.

It was the dickens turning

back when we died, but there was no way out for me.

I had to go along with the crowd. We should be back the week of May 20th however that day falls in the week its just, this place till the 2nd. then Santiago, Cuba. couple a one day Jamaica 3, Habana 2 or 3 + home. plus about 8 or 10 days running.

Will see + I'll try to keep you posted. Bartlett is a great scound. His radio acquaintances I guess are getting the extra copies this year; He could well use a bunch by the extra 25 is all I can carry.

I've told some things after to give plenty of separate especially of papers like Bartlett its distribution + publicity is worth it, but S. I. has some short sighted policies. By the way the Fish bottles should have gone collect, now the best thing we can do is give me to the Bureau of Fisheries [from whom after all we originally got them with specimens in them. Ask Bailey over there if they can't attend to the sending of them. Still Kelly needs to hold back a few to satisfy Wetmore if he should ever ask for some. Call up Bailey + tell him to accept them for Bureau + to send from stock we once gave him if they still have it. I do recall when they didn't do that in first place. For God knows let the other fellows do the worrying since Wetmore got wind of it. I'll write soon again but maybe not

much before the week is out. One day I shall go
to the Univ. Quarter Picnic to meet the crowd & see what
they have, one day at least I want to go ~~collecting~~^{birding}
taking I hope under water with del Valle in hope
of picking up a few good shots. I guess Clarence
and I can wry through with annual report.

Glad you had such a good afternoon with
Wildehead & Miss Cable. Its good for the soul
once in awhile & your friends & the favors you
going to ask of them as day even if the route is
up. I wish Clarence would spend some time keeping
in touch with other offices useful to us - the time
he is forever wasting on those useless ragamuffins of
his - it would save me a lot of running & favor
asking that he could do as well. Such is life.

The Bulletin news is both interesting & refreshing.
We shall have to try to get him for next winter or
spring but the damn old biological society doesn't
give a cent toward a man's travel unless Butler
comes on business at the right time it may be difficult
to get him. It would be nice however to get
him before the filing gets too much used up.

It was good to hear from you after all these weeks
month it seems, and so I want that 40% Trinidad
letter, oh! Good! It won't be long now before I'll be
tearing in, even if I am late, will let you temporary get
the dirt work. It will give me the best kind of an excuse
to ask for it, although to tell the truth I'd rather have you do it.

Certainly glad Miss Rully
is better I shall write
her real soon I have
some stamps for Edith
will bring them with me.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 23, 1937

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Your radiogram of yesterday reached us in the afternoon. It is too bad that you are having to turn back, and won't see Trinidad. A few days ago I wrote you a 40-cent letter to Port of Spain (and did Mr. Perry squeal when he had to put so much postage on it!) and now it will be ancient history when you get it. Not that it was worth much anyway.

I'm glad you are coming back fairly soon, though I think it is too bad to have the trip cut short. However, it will be better (for me) for you to be back two weeks before I leave than two days! I was thinking that you might get back the very end of May, and I have been shuddering to think of the work we might try to rush out in the last couple of days before I leave. I'd rather rush for two weeks than two days! It's just a shame, though, that you can't stay away until the middle of June. I'd just love to prance off after dumping this whole office into Mr. Shoemaker's lap.

Miss Deichmann is here for a few days with her mother, who arrived from Denmark three days ago. The mother is quite nice looking, tall but not so tall as the daughter, with gray hair but a young-looking face. She speaks excellent English. I guess she is quite travelled.

Captain Bartlett was down day before yesterday and yesterday. Yesterday morning I wrote two letters for him to the State Department and to some one in Denmark asking for permission to land on northwest Greenland and hunt for the two walrus pups which they failed to find last year on the northeast coast. Bartlett's a nice fellow, all right. He tickled me to death telling me how he was on a radio program with Joe Cook. Here's his version of the story:

We were rehearsing up in the studio before the microphones [I think when they rehearse, it goes out over the air to some one who checks up on how it sounds]. Lilian Gish was on the program and she was standing there, and Joe was coaching me. I had my script and got all mixed up and turned over two pages instead of one, so I lost my place. I said to Joe, "My God, Joe, damn it to hell, I've lost my place." Joe reached in front of me and jerked the microphone away, but I said, "It's no use ~~the~~ to take it away now, Joe; the words are gone." But it didn't matter much, because it was only rehearsal. The next night when ~~ix~~ we put on the real program, they were all pretty nervous about me, but I was all right.

I laugh every time I think of it. It's too bad it was only rehearsal. I think a gem like that should have gone out on the regular program! He said he's going to be on with Stoopnagel and Budd a week from Sunday and he's going to write and tell me all about it, so I'll be sure to listen. He said, "We're going to have a hell of a good time." I don't believe he felt at all inhibited talking to me. The air was pretty blue!

The Clarks took Miss Deichmann and her mother home to dinner night before last. Mr. Clark told me about it yesterday morning. He said they ran into Bartlett somewhere and he introduced ~~them~~ him to the Deichmanns, thinking that the "Greenlanders" would enjoy meeting one another. Bartlett was very much pleased, so Clark asked him to come along home for dinner if he was free. He was free and was delighted to go. He turned to the Deichmanns and said, "Gee, we'll have a hell of a good time." Yesterday morning while he was here, Miss Deichmann went through the room. She stopped to speak when she saw him, and he said, "Didn't we have a hell of a good time last night?"

Clark told me that Bartlett had a reel of 16 mm. colored movies of Greenland. He went over to the Racquet club where he was staying and got them, Clarks borrowed a projector, and got the young Boeving boy to run it and they had movies. Clark said they were grand. I remarked about it to Bartlett and said I wish I could have seen them. He said, "You'll see them some time. I'll show them to you." I said, "What you ought to do--you ought to bring them down here some Saturday night and show them to the Biological Society." He said, "Say, I'll do that." I told him you were on the program committee, and he said he'd be glad to do it some time next fall. As he left, I said, "Are you sure you'll want to come down in the fall for Biological Society?" and he said he certainly would. So there, I got you a program if you want it! First, I was going to call Walker, and then I thought better of it. It's your thunder, not his.

Miss Munroe sent all 50 copies of the Explorations pamphlet to Bartlett direct and I didn't get a chance to extract the ten copies for you. I asked Bartlett if he could let you have 10, and he said he didn't know, he had had so many requests, but he would let you have all he could. He said he will surely send you five. He felt very sorry and said he should have ordered more; he didn't realize so many people would want copies. I'm sorry I let them get away from me; it happened before I knew it. The first I knew of it, he wrote me Monday thanking me for them. Maybe you can scrape up enough others. You may have my copy. I suppose I'll get a copy of the Explorations pamphlet; I ~~wax~~ always have.

Day before yesterday I planned to have lunch with Miss Cable and then talk to Dr. Hildebrand afterward about Longley and Panama. When I got to his office Mrs. Hildebrand was there with a young lady from Beaufort whom they all had known before. We sat around and talked

for quite a while, then Mrs. H. and the guest went off, and Dr. H. went to lunch with Miss Cable and me. We had a grand time, and I stayed in their office a long time afterward talking to him. He told me lots of interesting things and told me of a lot of nice things to do, and gave me names of some people he thought I might call on. He's certainly nice. Miss Cable and I laughed and laughed, because every time he'd tell me something interesting he did, he'd say in the next breath "But, I didn't pay for it." It got so, if he didn't say it himself, one of us would say it for him. Finally, he said, "You'll stop in Port-au-Prince, won't you? Well you can have a good trip there, but don't you pay for it. You get in your good work before you get there, and you won't have to pay for anything, either." I told him I thought he overestimated my ability as a charmer (and gold-digger). Anyway, I got back to the office at 3:00 o'clock, having left at 11:30, and I said you couldn't have done better yourself!

I have just finished typing the last of your diary that I have. It gets no better fast! I think hereafter you'd better take me along and dictate it to me. It would be easier on both of us! Mrs. Clapp was in here yesterday as I was copying it. She took one look over my ~~shoulder~~ shoulder and said, "I'm glad I don't have to read ~~any~~ such writing as that."

Mrs. Clapp brought in the efficiency sheets yesterday. She said Mr. Shoemaker would have to ask if Dr. Stejneger wants him to make them out, or whether they will wait until you come. She says she knows they will wait for Miller, who will be back next month. (Hasn't he had a racket! He's been in Panama since December.) Mr. Shoemaker will simply pass out if he has to make up the ratings.

Speaking of Miller reminds me. Dr. Hildebrand said, "Mrs. Miller is very much insulted at not having been invited to Miss Rathbun's dinner. She asked me if I had anything to do with it, and was going to get after me for not asking her." (She's in Panama with her husband, and Hildebrand saw her there.) I said, "Well, that does me good! The Millers throw a big party every year for Museum people and don't ask the Schmitts. No one we thought would be interested was intentionally left out of the Rathbun dinner, but since she was left out and she does feel hurt, I hope she knows that Dr. Schmitt ran the dinner!" Dr. Hildebrand laughed, and said, "She does; I told her." He was tickled, too, and said, "I suppose you know just who Mrs. Miller is." He thought it was good.

Everything is going along here all right. Miss Rathbun seems to be all right again. I've cleared up most of the odds and ends of work, except for carding the new Zoological Record, which I shall do next. People are beginning to learn that you are away, so there isn't much mail to answer. Boyden wrote me yesterday asking if I would write a little note to Sigma Xi, from whom he is asking a grant, if you wouldn't be back to do it by May 1st. He suggested what I might say and that I quote a sentence from one of your letters to him. I wrote the letter and sent

(over)

a carbon for his approval. Told him to tell me at once if it is O.K. and I'll send off the original. I think you would approve of it, and I didn't ~~xxxx~~ see any reason for not doing it. I know you approve of Boyden's work and want to see him continue it, and that's what I told the man at Sigma Xi.

Perry will complain about the price of this letter if I don't stop.

Sincerely,

Lucile Mc Cain

Wetmore turned down shipping the bottles to Dick. My letter to Port of Spain tells about it. Mr. Bryant thinks after the whole affair is forgotten, we can send them quietly.

*Bent
again
just as
before*

April 20, 1937

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Mr. Bryant says that the chance is slim of catching you even by air mail with this letter at Trinidad, but I'll try it. Your radiogram was phoned to Dr. Wetmore late yesterday afternoon, and he phoned it to me just before 4:30.

Everybody's mad at you because you haven't written or even radio-ed for a couple of weeks, and neither your wife nor I knew where to write you. I have just finished reading the last batch of diary, but have not begun to copy it yet. Some pages are missing. I've tried to call Mrs. Schmitt, but she is out all the time. Mr. Bryant called her last night and she told him she had sent it all down. However, your manuscript pages 83-94 inclusive, covering the dates March 23-27 are not here. They may turn up later. In the earlier part of the diary several pages were out of place, and I just straightened them out yesterday.

I'm sorry to see from your diary that you will have to be back by the 15th of May. Are things not so happy on board? Mr. Bryant said that Mrs. Schmitt rather gathered that everything wasn't quite smooth. I've been hoping very hard that you wouldn't get back until at least a week or two after I leave, just so these birds here could have a try at getting along on their own.

I wrote you a last letter to St. Thomas which, when I went to mail it, I discovered hadn't a chance of reaching you in time, so I tore it up. Therefore, I don't remember what I told you in that letter and what I may have told you earlier.

Did I tell you that Préfontaine was through here again two or three weeks ago? He was on his way to Florida with the Head of the Botany Department at Montreal. He said he would likely stop again on his way back in May. He was very happy to have another trip so soon.

Mrs. Cheney is still with us. Dr. Wetmore called me upstairs again a week ago to talk about her some more. Mr. Bryant says he's afraid we will lose her, but I have heard nothing yet.

Last evening Seward Rathbun brought in the crab drawing which he made. It looks very nice to me. I'll send it to Mr. Oehser today. We got page proof of the plates about a week ago and all three of us read it. There were quite a number of mistakes. When I think of the proof, I'm glad that you are coming back earlier. That business has been a nightmare.

We're in a hole about the bottles that Fish wanted. I don't recall that you told me that the whole affair ought to be carried out surreptitiously. Mr. Kelly packed them in two or three very large boxes, and I made out an invoice sending them express collect and stating what they were. Dr. Stejneger turned it down, and Mr. Bryant says the papers have been lying on Dr. Wetmore's desk for over a week now. Mr. Bryant ~~xx~~ told me he thought if Mr. Shoemaker would talk to Wetmore and tell him that we expected to get specimens back in the bottles, perhaps the matter would go through. Mr. Shoemaker, however, flatly refused to do anything about it. He said, "I didn't have anything to do with it. Dr. Schmitt started it, and it will just have to wait until he gets back." Short of setting off a stick of dynamite under him, I can't budge that man. I never saw any one so mulish.

Well, anyway, to get back to Fish. I finally had to write and tell him that the matter was held up. He had written me earlier that he will be here late this month for the oceanographic (?) meetings, so I asked him to stop in the office and let me talk to him. I thought I would rather tell him what's gone wrong than write it. What I really want to get across to him is the fact that he'd better plan to get some bottles ~~xxxxx~~ elsewhere--at least to start with. Perhaps after this business had died down and been forgotten, we can sneak some bottles out to him. I'm sorry that I didn't know that it wasn't wise to be open and above-board about it. I didn't know that Truitt's getting bottles was a sort of secret between you and him, but Mr. Bryant tells me now (too late to be any use!) that it was.

Bartlett wrote me a note a couple of days ago saying that he will be in Washington tomorrow and will stop in the office to see me. I don't know what he may want to see me about--I guess just to say how do you do. He has written me a couple of times this spring--the same kind of lavishly grateful letters he writes you all the time. I didn't do anything; just told Miss Munroe how many separates of the Explorers account to send him, and she sent them. He got them last week and is very much pleased.

Mrs. Longley wrote you about ten days ago asking for advice on how to pack up the fish and send them over. I guess I again pulled a faux pas. I went to ask Schulz what to tell her about packing fish, and he acted as though he were afraid of his shadow in the matter--wanted me to go right up and talk to Wetmore, and for a moment wanted to go with me. That was the last thing I wanted, and I talked him out of the idea. His trouble was that Myers, when he heard of Longley's death, wrote a long (and not very complimentary to Longley) letter to Wetmore telling the latter that the Museum should make every effort to get Longley's specimens and figure out what he had been trying to do with them. Schulz of course had heard of that letter, and that was why he thought I should see Wetmore instead of writing Mrs. Longley direct. Later Mr. Bryant showed me Myers' letter and Dr. Wetmore's reply, which you will see when you get back. Personally, I think Myers had a nerve to say all he did now that he is no longer connected with the Museum, but Wetmore only replied that it was a matter to be settled with the Carnegie and he was referring it to them.

Therefore, at Mr. Bryant's suggestion, I wrote to Mrs. Longley myself. I told her that in order for it not to seem that both she and we were trying to work over the Carnegie's head, she should write a letter to Gilbert something to this effect: that it was her husband's wish that Dr. Hildebrand should finish the manuscript, and that she should now like to be advised how to pack the specimens for shipment to the Museum for Dr. Hildebrand's use. She replied today and said she thought my advice had been wise. She had already talked with Gilbert and informed him of Dr. Longley's wishes. Since then Dr. Streeter ~~went~~ went over to see her about the specimens mentioned in Myers letter. Streeter thought that all notes and mms. should go to Merriam. She says, "We compromised finally by my consenting to send the finished part to Dr. Merriam from whom Dr. Hildebrand could get it for reference, but after making a memorandum of the notes and unfinished part I shall send all of that directly to Dr. ~~Schmitt~~ Hildebrand in Dr. Schmitt's care." Streeter told her he ~~was~~ would send a man over to bring the fishes back.

Mrs. Longley wants to see you when you get back and wants to know as soon as you get back when she may do so. I really felt like hopping on a train and going over to Baltimore to see her myself and talking to her about it, after I saw Myers' letter, but I guess the thing will work out. She apparently is determined that Hildebrand shall finish the paper, and she isn't going to let the Carnegie people brow-beat her.

I have just called up Dr. Hildebrand and made a date to talk to him after I have lunch with Miss Cable tomorrow. ~~I'll~~ I'll tell him about the Longley matter, and then I want him to tell me about Panama.

Summer seems to have arrived. Sunday the temperature was 93, "no-shirt weather." It is still nice and warm, but not so hot.

Mrs. Schmitt has probably written you about Fred's visit. We all enjoyed it, and I think he did, too. He has not written since he got back. He was going to spend some time in New York, so hasn't been back at Harvard long. I had him for dinner on his last night, and took him to my ~~friends~~ friends, the Logans, for the evening. We were supposed to play bridge, ~~but~~ but they got to chattering and spent the whole evening talking. He was leaving on a 1:00 a.m. train. He hadn't been able to get in touch with the McCulloch relatives until that day, so they called for him at the Logans' at 11:00 and I did not have to sit up with him until his 1:00 o'clock train left. It suited me fine. Mr. Logan took me home and I got to bed at a decent hour.

Fred did not tell me, but Mrs. Clark did after he left, that they hope for a son and heir in June, which explains his wife's rushing back to California. He probably told Mrs. Schmitt, too.

The Garths were here April 5th and 6th, the first of Fred's week here, so he saw them. Your wife did not entertain them; I don't think it was necessary at all. They asked Fred to go around with them a bit, but he seemed relieved to be able to tell them he couldn't go. He told me afterward that he didn't want to.

I've been quarrelling with Mr. Shoemaker again--for all the good it does me. Several things came up that I thought he should attend to, and it took a lot of pushing and pulling to get them done. Melbourne Ward wrote Miss Rathbun asking to borrow some Albatross specimens. ~~xxxxxx~~ She gave the letter to Mr. Shoemaker and he gave it to me, saying "Where can you put this so Dr. Schmitt will be sure to see it? He will have to decide what's to be done about it." I said, "Can't you decide whether the man is to be lent the specimens or not? Is everything that comes in here to be left for Dr. Schmitt to decide? Are you going to write to Ward and explain the delay?" He was furious. He said, "When something comes up that has to be decided, I can decide it, but this can wait." The letter is on your desk. I ought to write to Ward and explain, but I'm so furious myself and so tired of seeing to all the things that he should do that I haven't done it yet. In the same letter Ward announced sending some specimens. I want to wait until they come and see if Mr. Shoemaker will then do anything.

Over a week ago a letter came to you from a man named Foster at the Gorgas laboratory in Panama, asking for information about worms. I gave it to Mr. Shoemaker on the 9th. This morning he brought in a long-hand reply and told me that it ought to be done right away before the letter had been here over a week and the man was waiting for an answer. I said, "The first thing I have to do today is read Dr. Schmitt's diary and then write him." He said, "Well, this letter ought to be written first thing." It was been here so long. I'll do it this afternoon after I get this mailed!

Maybe my temper will be improved after I've had a vacation. It certainly is in poor condition now!

Sincerely,

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 7, 1937

Dear Dr. Schmitt;

There isn't much news to tell you this time. Everybody is doing as well as can be expected!

Miss Rathbun is still out, and I get more worried about her the longer she stays away. I wish her nephew would come down again. He came once last week and said she was getting along all right and expected to come back Monday. He said the doctors didn't seem to know what her difficulty is. Mr. Shoemaker has been to see her several times. He says there is a very noticeable lump on the outside of her ~~throat~~ ^{throat}. For the first few days she could scarcely eat at all and could talk only with difficulty. Mr. Rathbun said the doctors didn't seem to recognize the trouble. Mrs. Van Winkle called on her for a minute late Saturday afternoon and found her eating dinner. Mr. Shoemaker is going to call again this evening.

Mr. Maloney has a new set of teeth at last, around which he has considerable difficulty talking. I think they change the shape of his face a good deal.

Mr. Shoemaker is on a diet and is slowly starving to death (though you wouldn't notice it yet!).

The only thing I can complain about is that I ate too many good things while Mrs. Van Winkle was here with the result that I got two cankers and now my mouth is too sore to enjoy anything to eat. That is unrelieved tragedy!

As I wrote you in my last letter, Dr. Wetmore called me to come up to talk about Mrs. Cheney. That was a week ago and I have heard nothing further. I suppose that I shall never be told what his decision was. If she remains, I suppose that fact will be evidence that he chose to keep her out of the three. But why in _____ can't we be told? Since she is still here after a week, I gather that he did decide to keep her, but why can't he call me and tell me so? It would relieve my mind to know that we can still count on her indefinitely, or, on the other hand, we could taper things off if we could know that she won't be with us long. The way this place is run is certainly amazing.

Mr. Bryant told me about a week ago that Wetmore had arranged with one of Lewton's assistant curators to purchase some wood samples for \$300, and neither Lewton nor Mitman knew anything about it until the bill came through for approval. Lewton was mad as hops and came over to pour out his woes to Mr. Bryant.

Fred arrived on Monday morning and is going back on a midnight train Friday night. I thought he would have to work in here, but he is working in Clark's room. I asked him to dinner for Friday night. Mrs. Schmitt says she can't come because Waldo will be using the car. I recently met ~~and~~ Mr. and Mrs. Logan, who came from California last fall, and they have been urging me to bring a friend over and play bridge with them. I asked Fred if he played and he said yes, so I shall take him over to the Logans' after dinner and they can all talk California to their heart's content. It will make the evening work out very nicely.

I had a nice week end with Mrs. Van Winkle. She said to tell you she was very sorry to miss you again, and she spoke again of how utterly bowled over she was by that paper. She feels that she was very undeserving of it. She certainly is a nice person, and is a grand kind of guest. She looks after herself and doesn't make any trouble at all.

Miss Ashton is asking for "The Two Solar Families. The Suns' Children." Do you have any idea where I might find it? It isn't in sight.

Bartsch has gone on his trip and Mr. Shoemaker says he expects to be gone until fall. Howard Ball is taking over his classes at G.W. for the summer. I bet Howard doesn't get paid anywhere near what the job is worth.

Well, this is all there is, there ain't no more.

Sincerely,

Lucile Mc Cain.

*Florence says she is tired of getting
messages through me.*

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UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 31, 1937

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Your letter from Cape Haitien got here Monday, and the one from San Juan arrived today. I'm glad that you got my Nassau letter and that you think the key was all right. I finished the proof last Thursday and took it over to Oehser and went over several points with him. I called him Monday as soon as your letter came, but the proof had gone to the printer, so it was too late to make the further change in Callidactylus. He says he thinks we can put it in page proof, for it won't be much extra.

Oehser said that where the inconsistencies were not too bad, he thought he would let them go so as to keep the cost down. I went over the proof so very carefully trying to catch every inconsistency, and I'll be sorry if he doesn't have them corrected. He says that it is going to be a tremendous expense at best, but since it won't be out until after July 1st the cost can be divided and part taken from next year's appropriations.

I found many inconsistencies in the tables, particularly in references to different vessels and to the University of Iowa expeditions. I hope I caught them all. The worst was the frequent reference to ~~"Hawaii"~~ "State University of Iowa Biological Expedition." That, of course, didn't tell anything. In some few cases it was given "State University of Iowa Bahama Expedition," which was as it should be, and I changed them all to read like that. I could tell the difference between the Bahama and Barbados-Antigua expeditions by the dates of course; the former in 1893, the latter 1918.

Mr. Bryant just called me to ask me to get your check when I get mine this noon, because Mrs. Schmitt is coming here for it at 12:30. It is after 11 now, so I shall probably see her before I finish this letter.

She called me one day last week to tell me that Fred had written that he will come Monday, the 5th, and stay until Friday, the 9th. She says if it seems as though he would really like to stay over that week end she will try to take care of him. He wrote her, however, that he had heard nothing from the Garths (he wrote them) and so was not sure they would be here the 10th, as John said, and thinks it isn't worth while for him to ~~stay~~ stay over just on the chance of seeing them.

Miss Rathbun has been sick. She went home quite early Friday afternoon after telling me that she wasn't feeling well and her chest and throat hurt. Saturday she didn't come, and Monday she called to say that she had a sort of laryngitis. Said she couldn't talk much and could hardly eat, and that the doctor was coming. Mr. Shoemaker stopped in to see her last night.

Smirnov sent a large number of separates of his papers and asked for free-living copepods from the southern hemisphere. He says he is going to write a paper on them. We had only two very small lots from South America. We sent them.

There was a story in last night's News about your trip. So far as I know, it is the only story that has been published. In the last folder put out on the radio program "The World is Yours" there is a story of Bartsch's trip. At that time Bartsch hadn't even got started. Mr. Bryant was furious and called True and said, "What do you mean ~~publishing~~ publishing a story about a trip that hasn't even begun when we've got one that's just as good already in the field?" True said, "Now, calm down. I wanted to publish on it and I was told in the southwest corner that it was a deep secret. I've got a ~~story~~ story written now ready to release whenever I'm allowed to." Mr. Bryant says he can't understand the attitude upstairs.

I wrote to Mrs. Graham about the sagittae, and to ~~Kemp~~ him about Kemp's letter. In neither letter did I make any reference to the Graham's expectations, as you seemed to think best. I laughed the other day when I got a letter from Mr. Graham thanking me for both letters and answering for Mrs. Graham that with coming events she thought she oughtn't to take on any more sagittae, as she still has some of ours. Then he launched forth and told me of their summer plans. They will be in Palo Alto, where he will be in Dr. Spoehr's laboratory, and she will go to a Palo Alto hospital. After all that, I had to write them again and offer my felicitations.

Dr. Fish wrote a few days ago asking for the bottles, and Mr. Kelly is packing them now.

Dr. Préfontaine was here again last Thursday. It was quite unexpected. Their botany professor was going to Florida on a collecting trip and asked Préfontaine to go along. The latter arranged his classes and went. They will be back through here on their way back, in two or three weeks, I think.

There is a little article in the April Reader's Digest about the Virgin Islands, chiefly St. Thomas. I don't remember the title--something about living in paradise for \$50 a month. I didn't think much of it.

I'm happier about the work in the office now that the proof is off my hands. I'm beginning to catch up on other things, and would be ready to go to work on pamphlets and carding the late Zool. Record if this last avalanche of diary hadn't arrived! I had been hoping to get all the work caught up and have time to translate some French for Mr. Shoemaker, just to keep my hand in. This morning I filed away all my Credit Union junk. I had been dreading the job and putting it off. In the beginning of the Credit Union I couldn't start a systematic file because I didn't know how it was going to work out, so I just let stuff accumulate. Now I have sorted it all out and I think if I were to drop dead, some one else could understand it.

I'm afraid that I am going to drop out of French class. There is so much to do in the next couple of months and so little time to do it in that I can't afford to give up two or three evenings like that. I hate to

He says she is better, can eat now, ~~and~~^{but} still isn't quite well. He says there is a noticeable lump on her throat of which she complains, but she seems quite chipper.

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This letter was badly interrupted by a number of things. Dr. Wetmore called for me to come up. He wanted to ask me about Mrs. Cheney. We are in great danger of losing her. He says there are 4 non-relief workers in the Museum and we can keep only one. One of the four is in the taxidermist's place and he is going out on an expedition with Perrygo, so he is taken care of, but Dr. Wetmore must decide which of the other three to keep. I don't know who the other two are. I asked how it happened that we were to be allowed to keep even one. He shrugged his shoulders and said he didn't know. He said, "I would much rather tell them all to go than have to pick out one to stay." I did my best for Mrs. Cheney, but I don't know whether he will decide to keep her.

Waldo came in at lunch time and brought your ~~check~~ diary and took your check. Mrs. Schmitt was outside in the car, but I didn't go out to talk to her.

The new locker came today, and we have been trying to find a place for it. I think you said something about keeping it in the hall, but there is no place for it there. We have decided to put it behind my locker (there is almost ^{enough} space; my locker will have to be moved out about an inch and a half). Then, we will have to put the filing case which is now behind my locker in the row in front of your desk and mine. You may not like it, but when you get back you can cudgel your brains about it for a while! I hope it won't look too bad. It seems to me that my bookcase might as well come out the width of my typewriter shelf. That gives us almost enough space; your bookcase will have to be moved two and a half inches.

It isn't warming up so very fast, although it is nicer now than it was. Sunday was windy and cold. It was bright, but not very pleasant. I didn't go out at all. It was so cold for a few days that they burned smudges under the Japanese cherry trees to save the buds which will be out almost any day now if it gets warmer. The temperature was considerably below freezing for several days. Many of the magnolias were out, and the blossoms are all brown now. It's a shame.

We had a letter from Linder at Uppsala. He had been in Australia on a collecting trip and apologized for not answering your letter. He said he would be glad to take the Ohio phyllopods. He sounded quite enthusiastic and we sent him not only the Ohio specimens, but some from Florida (also taken by Miss Furtos) and Puerto Rico, and 4 small lots that Mr. Shoemaker had named and on which he wanted verification.

Mr. Bryant just called to say that he has the Strong paper you asked him about. He says he will send it down. Do you want it sent to you?

let it go, but I have gotten quite a bit out of it.

I wrote Cahn asking him if he could get any more planarians from Wisconsin. He is in Tennessee now, you know, so perhaps the chances aren't very good.

I'll send the next couple of Explorers Club cards to Mr. McCarthy. I'll send my brother one some time, too. I think he'd like it. He got a new job ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ last week and is now nearer New York. He works at Carteret, N.J., and lives at Woodbridge a few miles away. He got a much better salary and he thinks he will like it better. He was very unhappy in the other job, but felt that he couldn't be choosy after being out of work for so long. I'm glad that he is more happily situated and hope that it will prove permanent. If it does, I shouldn't be surprised if he got married soon. *The company he's with does research + development work in electro-metallurgy.*

Mrs. Van Winkle comes tomorrow and will be here until Monday. I have quite a full week end planned. I am looking forward to her visit with a good deal of pleasure.

I think Grace Anderson (the "temporary" we had with stomach ulcers) will take my apartment while I'm gone. She can't afford to pay what I pay for it, but whatever she pays will help on the rent, and it will be worth a good deal to my peace of mind to know that the place is in safe hands.

Florence hasn't forgotten you. She'll be hurt again when I tell her that you have sent your regards through me again!

Florence and a friend from New York whom I've met several times are planning to spend their vacation on a trip to the west coast. They think they will go to Vancouver by Canadian Pacific, then down the coast to California, and back by one of the southern routes. They will go in July, and we are planning to get together in Portland when they come through. It will give my mother a chance to meet a couple of my friends.

We'll get the 50 separates of Bartlett's paper. I told Miss Visel.

Send on the limerick. I'm waiting for it! I heard a couple of good ones, but I'm afraid to commit them to the mails.

It will be nice for you to see the Lees.

Vendla Hendrickson's sister finally was married Saturday and is now off her hands. The parents came from Minnesota for the wedding and will be here until Friday. Vendla took a lot off that sister, besides supporting her, and I hope that Vendla will not let the sister take any more advantage of her.

I read an announcement in today's paper of the engagement of Miss Katherine Eneix to Mr. somebody. That's the girl that did such rotten pasting for us. She will graduate from G.W. this spring, and the wedding is to take place right afterward.

Sincerely,

P.S. I think it would be just as well not to say anything to Mr. Shoemaker yet about the annual report. I'll get everything as near ready as I can when I leave. When he is actually left with it on his hands, he'll do it. He's so d_____ balky only as long as he thinks there is a possibility of some one else doing the job he's trying to escape; but when he realizes that there is no escape he really sits down and does it. If I hadn't been here, he would have worked out that key, but as long as there was an off chance of my doing it, he wasn't going to bother.

Dr. Wetmore told him a few days ago to write out some collecting instructions for Father McNally, the man who is going to accompany the eclipse expedition. He did it without a whimper. Mrs. Clapp went direct to him with Dr. Stejneger's request for a quarterly report, and he wrote it ~~ix~~ out without ever bothering me until it was ready for typing.

If we just leave the annual report in his lap, I think he'll take care of it. *If you get back, though, he won't.*

En route San Juan ①
Mar. 26 1937

Dear Miss McCain, My writing in the
notes at least seems to be getting
worse and worse. We have been having
considerable motion these last several
days and trying to write through a
jittered or rattled mind as easy as ~~one~~
as one might think (no matter how
poor the writer "is" or how). So
much for idle phrases; I guess I should
be waiting to hear from you before trying
to write. I haven't much to say.
What collecting we have accomplished
to date has been fair. I'm not com-
plaining, but this ship is slow and
that of necessity slows our progress.
Altho' Kent gets off here. We shall
miss him for he has been most
excellent company; only right now

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with our generally slow progress we
had to skip Samana Bay (N.E. coast
Dominican Republic) to get to San
Juan on time. The plane he wants to
catch leaves at about eleven o'clock
on Saturday. The Captain tells
me Sunday is Easter Sunday, ^{maybe}
and that we should go up to the
Cathedral to attend services. Well see.
The tides are low quite late in the
afternoon & I'd like to make the most
of those we shall have while here. The
Boat said we should stop at Antigua
for mail. That's the last air mail
stop this side of Trinidad and so
close to the Virgin Ids. I almost
think it's not worth the try. We
shall get there just about 2 days

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after the Virgin, so unless it was in
particular don't bother with it. The
cruises are an interesting lot when you get
to know them, and have had many and
varied experiences in many parts of the
world, mostly on sailing ships. One was
down this way on the Cuba, Vanderbilt
yacht's last winter ad. He has his
yacht equipped for chugging and makes
Rough when the spirit moves him.
Another I may have mentioned in my
notes has two years in Dartmouth behind
him, expects to go back for the last time
after this cruise. We have a lot of
reading matter aboard, but very little fiction.
The two novelists the Bore through Spanish
West Indian travel accounts. I have
already read one through & glimpsed a few

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them. He and I read Jerry Slocum
gave me in Charleston, about a trip to
the Bay Islands where it was originally
planned to go, Blue Blazes by Jane
Barry Hanson. As the Bore said she
tried to make a lot out of nothing for
for the accounts the Bay Islands + felt
well visited places, and not so wild.
fascinated and mysterious as she made out.

I may have more to write about when
we leave this place, San Juan, and after
dine had you letter (if any?). Gosh
I'll try to remember, probably all around.
Are the girls still with you. When Mrs
Henry finishes up the Ger. cat. talk as
he is now doing I want her to go back
to the beginning + subdivide the section of "other
crustacea" under each locality ~~but of course~~
into families, tribes or something suitable.
Of course to do posting first. Hope

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The photographs illustrating your copy
by this time. The you can follow up
with the other Alcock books in book case
& the material Carcin. fauna India al-
by Alcock in Miss Ralston's revolving
book case (800) most of Alcock in
regular book case are quarters. An
labelled one of the 3x5 card cases
has a drawer labelled ~~for photographs~~ "Plates
mounted" or something like that (where
we've tried to keep a list (of cards) of
plates mounted or posted on cards. Just
in card for any other books you may
have photo'd to mount, make regis-
tration for Alcock's other books & send
them over when you can. A list not
yet done try to stir photo but not
about investigator plates whether
the girls are with you or not. They
may have been fixed by now for all I know

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I guess this will have to be about all.
I suppose I should write Wetmore about
a bull I just wire him between
P. R. & the Virgin? Wish we could
get a proposition on these lots between
places to fill in time.

Best ever to you both! Oh!
you + Florence, if she hasn't com-
pletely forgotten me??

I don't know what to do about
our mother child, Clarence. The
various discussions about it may
be between the middle and end of May
when we get back, but honestly no
body should really know or not except
any one of us. Should Clarence be
warned about his report a while I be
back in plenty of time. We should worry
too bad you are not going earlier and in not
staying later.

Ed. C. P.

Sat. Mar. 27-'37.
San Juan

Dear Miss McCain

I've had to open all letters
in order to slip in some word of reply to
mail ^{off} here. Yes I did answer the letter
re Shoemaker & the boy. Ahina too confirm
about non-receipt of answers to Hawaiian
letters. It may be I got them a little
late. Those answers were mailed for Cape
Prizier. You've given us a good boy,
in spite of Clarence's non-cooperation.

Yes, I too am sorry they didn't take
Kellers. They finally killed surgeons
requirements on L.I. There always was
a lot of jealousy in many circles that
he made these successive expeditions.
He should have been given a big one too.
Sorry I won't be there to say hello to
Mrs. Van Winkle; regards please

Be sure to camp on Jones trail so
that we get the full 50 of Bartlett's
Exploration account, better call him or Miss

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Viselup or there's no ship up, we are to
get 50, 40 to Bullets 10 saved. + I'm to
pay for the exch 25 when I get back.

Ym the good scarf again. Thanks for
the letter you wrote Miss Guden. I really
don't know where ~~her~~ is. The Steyer
dinner will be all the better for the smaller
crowd & will give us the chance to concert
a real invertebrate masterpiece (with you help).

Gosh I don't dare write any of the stories
I've heard suppose the letter should get at
a friend in your absence? The one I've
been best of a lot. I haven't heard many
real good ones. But I'll try to peek at
all send you a line or two soon that will
knock your eye out, I haven't all straight
just yet.

The longer you tuck with the
proof the more chance there is that I'll see
final page proof. But for goodness sake
don't worry too much about that proof. I
do feel that by far & large it is pretty
good shape with all the corrections you made.
Good.

Re the Berry mess of broken fossils. I
 hope it will be made plain to Berry
 that marine Invertebrates, Raths & I
 are in no way responsible; that we
 are just collaborators of the field of
 geology as it were. He should be
 told that they kept records & we him Raths.
 just names ^{of fossil crust.} ~~things.~~ I know this
 is hellish writing but we had our
 best collecting this afternoon on
 reefs outside of San Juan, then had
 to get dressed near seven to go home
 to dinner. Had a friend of the Bore's
~~in~~ ^{gave} ~~him~~ at 8:30 & in trying to
 crowd this in after midnight & have
 an early rise Sunday. Oh! yes,
 to get in some more work, Eat
 Sunday as not. We expect an
 invitation from Governor for luncheon
 on Tuesday, dinner to say, & Wednesday

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Child See at Mayaguez is still
over a car full of food for lunch
+ a 75-100 mile drive across N.W.
and West portion of island.

Clarence + Melny ought to have
their pants kicked if they cannot
give Miss Ralston at least marked
bottle. Clarence did have numbers
on shelf edges, but has got Sumatra
+ Philippine things mixed up of these
in stock too, I'll bet a hard.

Here's to bed and a good sleep
and a pleasant dream yourself

Emily

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 25, 1937

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Mr. Bryant phoned me your wireless message this morning saying that you would be in San Juan from the 27th to 30th. If I get a letter off by air mail it should reach you. Maybe the Nassau letter will catch up with you there if you left a forwarding address at Nassau.

I have just today finished reading the proof and shall take it over to Mr. Oehser this afternoon. There are a few things I want to ask him about. It was certainly a tiresome job, and after I thought I was all through other things kept coming up. The tables were very inconsistent. I hope that I have caught everything, but I have the feeling that it will never be right. I hope I'm wrong.

I'll be very glad to get this proof out of my sight. Now I can get busy on the hundred and one other things that are waiting for attention.

A man who said he was a nurse in the New York hospital you were in last summer was in the office one day last week. He said he is trying to get a job in one of the hospitals here (he hopes St. Elizabeth's) and if he does, he will call again when you return.

I can't seem to think of much to tell you. Nothing has happened, I haven't lost my temper lately, and everything is going along quite smoothly. Mr. Kelly was off the first three days of the week installing a septic tank and putting in water connections in his house. He says it is pretty nice.

Dr. Hrdlicka's new girl left him for Social Security. Mrs. Lindsay (the red-head in Mr. Bryant's office) tried for the job, but didn't get it. It was quite funny. It appears that personally she made quite a hit with Dr. H. and he didn't want to tell her that she wouldn't do for the job. Mr. Bryant had to tell her! She didn't care, I guess. She had had enough of Hrdlicka in the day or two she spent in his office trying for the job.

Mrs. Grainger's resignation created a vacancy there. They have a new girl in the grade 2 position in that office who hasn't even served her probation yet, but she seems slated for Mrs. Grainger's job. Mr. Bryant thinks it is very unfair that some of the older grade 2's should not have a try at it.

Mr. Shoemaker had a letter from Mr. Price, up in Pennsylvania, the other day. Price hadn't written for quite a long time. He said something about you, and continued, "I shall never forget how he thought of me, of all people, and sent me a Christmas card." I tried to rub it in on Mr. Shoemaker that he should have sent Price a Christmas card, but I'm afraid it didn't take.

Bartlett said that 40 separates of his paper would be enough. He said, "Dr. Schmitt is a marvellous person, isn't he?"

How do you fool them all like that?!!

I sent the note on the date of Cuvier's crustacea plates to Miss ~~Gordon~~ Gordon. In the footnote in which you referred to "Letter from Dr. Isabella Gordon" I suppose you meant me to look up the letter and quote just what she said. Well, I hunted all one afternoon and couldn't find it. It must be one of the things you put away in a different place. When I sent the note and your letter, I wrote her a letter over my own signature explaining that you were away and telling her to make any changes she thought necessary if the paper is published. I told her I knew you would want her to do that. (I hope now that you would!) I also told her that I was uncertain about that footnote, but had not been able to find her letter to quote directly from it, and if she had a copy perhaps she could put in the ~~xx~~ proper quotation. I hope you'll approve.

I must write Miss Gordon again as soon as I can. She just wrote asking for an extension of time on that last loan we sent her. She says they have to move out of their rooms and let the decorators in, then move back again, and they can't get much work done right now.

Miss Cochran told me that they have decided to postpone the Stejneger dinner until his birthday in October, I believe. When she told me first that they were going to have it in May, I thought that was his birthday, but it seems that it is only the occasion of a meeting of herpetologists and ichthyologists here and they thought it would be nice to give him a dinner while they're all here. She says they will have a small dinner at that time, but will have an affair like the one we had for Miss Rathbun in October.

Miss Dandridge was in here to see Miss Rathbun this morning. She will be in town for a few days. I'm sure I've met her before, but she didn't look as though she had ever seen me before.

I told your story to Florence. She said to tell you that she hopes you are keeping a notebook in which you can record all the good ones you hear. She said, "Tell him to keep the ones he wants to tell you on one side of the page and the ones he wants to tell me on the other."

I haven't finished the proof yet. In fact, I haven't worked on it since Monday. I don't know where the time goes. I was sick (really sick) one day and stayed home. There is so much routine work to do that I can't seem to sit down uninterruptedly with the proof. What I need to do is lock myself in 62.

There was a lady maid of Kenton
who took great joy in to her own
when the lights were finally out
she said to him
"let's get this straight
then does which to choose
and then a how do we begin"

I ought to call up your wife to see what kind of arrangement she and Fred arrived at. He said he would like to come the first week in April and over into the second. She had said she couldn't have him the 9th and 10th because Waldo will have some friends there. I told her to tell Fred so; I'm sure he'll understand.

We have had nice weather, although it is supposed to grow colder tonight and tomorrow. I hope the cherry blossoms come out next week end. Mrs. Van Winkle is very anxious to see them then. All the magnolias are out now.

Sincerely,

Lucile Mc Cain

Written the day before
St. Thomas

This day, the 23^d ⁽¹⁾
I believe. This
will be mailed in
St. Thomas, but mail
plane doesn't leave till
Monday morning.

Dear Miss McCain,

Here we are on our way
back! We didn't make Trinidad because
the rest went back by 15th of May or
near it. Aunt is acquiescent, and I
can't, single handed fight the bunch
and leave a good taste behind. I
can always put in a couple of kicks
wherever we go & will now appreciate
the few days extra (2) in St. Thomas
to finish up things I had planned
when we hurried away before.

Aunt is very much interested in
getting a copy of my diary, but didn't
get that morning yet. I told him
I would get you to make an extra

Carbon of the instalment that is ⁽²⁾
being mailed home now, pp. 149
to 226 I believe. I'm wary about
the first part 1-148. I told him
if he wanted more after seeing this
149-226 we'd find a way to get a
copy. Meanwhile I've been over the
instalment and crossed out some
words, sentences & in one case a
whole page. As long as you type
right along these omissions won't
show and I don't need them anyway
except in original long hand if there!

When I get home we can do up
a letter of transmittal for this extra
carbon portion, & also send him a
copy of the station record I'll have
with me. Bob is typing this out as
we go along. I can't say I want

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disappointed especially about Tobago
on which I'd rather set my heart, as
it's the other Robinson Crusoe island,
and I thought surely I'd see it this
time. Well, better luck next time.

There's more to tell you than there is
to write about. We penned a letter
to Wetmore. We shall be in St.
Thomas through Sunday and per-
haps till Monday morning Apr. 26.
Then we move over to San Juan a-
gain to stay until the 2d of May to
await some stores due that day. On
the way to San Juan we may give a day
to Culcha Island. From San Juan
we shall make it around to the
south coast of Haiti but that
not certain, but at any rate we
shall go to Santiago de Cuba, Jamaica

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around the west end of Cuba to Havana
and home. I guess that we'll be
in Charleston about the 20th or a
little later. But you can never
tell some other changes may inter-
vene. I had planned dropping
I'll send a note for the Cruise
Island but the fun's all been taken
out of that. However I have your
lineaments but nothing else worth
repeating that I can recall. We
are a very decent high drink
& (few) smoking crowd; no card
playing either. It has been a most
pleasant cruise and I've enjoyed it
in spite of the work that has piled up.
But seems no sails when we are up.
Way he's not good for anything in that

may a poorer sailor than Mante, but
he doesn't get as sick, but can't
do any work either when in motion.
Mante never let it get him down
no matter how sick he was. I do
feel sorry for Bob but it's a tender
point with him so you'd better not
let on I ever told you. He's had a
cold, and I think part of his trouble
is that the sun is too much for him
also. His folks asked me when we left
not to be too hard on him, so I guess
they know what sort of a sailor he
was before we started. In part he's
happier and good company & he's well
an enthusiastic earnest collector.
The Boss Hayward is the most interesting
member of the party & as good sailor
as I / of the new member Bruce Bredin
of Wilmington nobody knows a thing & he trades

all delving. Probably our father ⁶
can get free, pleasant enough but
nothing to him otherwise not gain
in life either. It looks as though
I'll get the old annual report in the
next after all, and am glad I'll
be glad to see something of you before
you depart on your long trek. Am
I starved for news? Ask me a headline?

I have no cause to regret the
collections, but I'll be a box short
of filling my 8 oz bottles and perhaps
have a few quarts over & empty.
However we have a few nice things
enough to make something out of a
pamphlet about for the exploration
pamphlet at least. Make the
I get some news at San Juan where on
Trinidad mail is to be sent. I can
write you a better letter. So long!
W. C. S.

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March 20, 1937

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

You apparently did not get the letter I sent you to Nassau. I mailed it at the post office myself last Monday, the 15th, by air mail. I am sorry that it didn't get there in time, although I guess it wasn't so terribly important. It was mostly a blow-up of temper on my part. I was certainly hot under the collar after working out that key with Mr. Shoemaker.

As I said in my letter of the 15th, Callidactylus and Iliacantha cannot be differentiated on abdomens, because their abdomens are fused alike. However, when we got the specimens all out in a row, I saw that Callidactylus had three spines on either side of the front of the carapace, whereas all the Iliacanthas and the Leucosias had either one on either side of the front or none at all. Therefore, I made a key like this:

- B¹. Posterior half of carapace with seven spines. Anterior half of carapace with three spines on either side.....Callidactylus.
- B². Posterior half of carapace with not more than five spines, usually three or four. Anterior half of carapace with no spines or with one spine on either side.
 - C¹. Posterior half of carapace with three spines.....Iliacantha.
 - C². Posterior half of carapace with four spines (exceptionally showing trace of a rudimentary fifth).....Leucosia.

My letter of the 15th may catch up with you, so you'll see the longer discussion I made there, but the above is essentially the same thing. The frontal spines are very pronounced in Callidactylus, and their absence in the other two just as clear, so I hope it is a good case.

I got your note from Nassau on the 17th. How did it get up here so fast? I don't remember that it was air mail, but perhaps it was.

A few days ago Dr. Wetmore called Mr. Shoemaker upstairs to tell him to get a collecting outfit ready for the eclipse expedition. It seems that the expedition is all planned and Kellers is not to go. It's too bad. A Father Some-one from Georgetown University is going, and has never had any experience collecting. So we probably won't get much. I wrote Dr. Kellers telling him the outcome, though I hated to do it.

Margaret Van Winkle is coming down from Wellesley Thursday, April 1st to stay with me until Monday, the 5th. I'm glad. She wrote that she hoped she would see you. She seems to do a good job of missing you with her visits.

The last fossils that Miss Rathbun named for S. S. Berry were not packed properly (the job was done in Geology) and when the package reached him the vials were all broken and the specimens all mixed up so he didn't know what labels went with what specimens. He has sent them back for re-identification. Mr. Bryant still has them upstairs. He's going to talk to the Geology people about the packing and then they will come down to Miss Rathbun. When he told me about it, I said, "Oh, that's bad." He said, "Yes I know. Well, I'll just hold on to them for a while."

I am trying to impress on Mr. Shoemaker and Mr. Maloney that no specimens without complete labels, including acc. numbers, should be given Miss Rathbun. She gets things so mixed up and unless labels are full and complete she oughtn't to be bothered. I don't think I made a bit of impression on the men, however. Mr. Maloney gave her a large lot of crabs collected by Kellers in the Philippines. The bottles contained only Kellers' labels giving "Ilo Ilo" and the date. Mr. ~~Shoemaker~~ Shoemaker had not put accession numbers in them, and she was trying to assign them to Albatross collections. She came to me and asked when the Albatross was in the Philippines. I took one look at the specimens and recognized Kellers' writing on the labels, fortunately. I told Mr. Shoemaker about it and told him that it is very necessary for him to put numbers in every bottle of specimens. He said something like "How much time do you think I have for things like that?" He seems utterly uninterested in keeping records straight. I know one thing, we are going to have more and more mix-ups unless specimens are properly labeled, because it grows harder every day for Miss Rathbun to keep such things straight.

I'll send this letter to San Juan air mail and hope that you get it.

Sincerely,

Lucile Mc Cain

Nassau

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March 17/37.

Dear Miss McCain,

I had been a
letter you wrote; yours of March 15.

Thank you for the key and Clarence's
card. I would like to write him a
long letter by its just waste time and
effort in sure. He should have looked
over the specimens as you did, or

made him do while you were right
there to see for yourself. It's a d-

shame he's getting more like that each
day. With his ^{own} home income plus retro-
grade pay he could research to his
heart's content & as dear his job and

salary for a young man or woman.
He's well able to do what Miss Hall
did & that sure salary decided what
the year he may yet live at least
enjoy life would see him through his

rated. I am so glad you got
out a good key. It will
do handsomely and needs no change.
Referring to the parenthesis end of 3rd
paragraph of your letter if you get
time, or there is yet time to change proof
let you Callidactylus description read
on 18, but before "the post exten-
with three spines" as I think it was
in proof originally insert your
statement "post. half of carap. with
7 spines" so that descrip. will
read about like this:

"A posterior half of carapace with
seven spines of which three are at
the posterior extremity of its carapace"
a something like that if you
approve, if not let stand as
you have it. But damn Clavering
and anyway. It thinks an ass.

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curator in the herit. mus. is a privately
endowed research position. Please tell
him to get out his job sheet & read
what he gets paid for, - about
10% amphibian work & rest for general
good of the office, he's gotten cock-
eyed and sees it all the other way round
10% to office as a whole and 90 to amphibians
& boys. I don't want to run down L again
and Dave.

Re the Cahoon Hamarian, short sign note
"Hymen" is the thing; but try Cahoon page.
Tell him what happened without mentioning
Hymen's name, & give him station
data if you have it & ask him to try to
collect same locality in hope of turning
up another, even if he's a little or
what not. It might get us one.
I wish too we could meet dump an
report in Quince's report. Bob Spring
feels he ought to be back in 2 mos & only full
for 2 1/2 or 3 -

Yes Fred's wife should have stayed
home in the first place, this school year
or else stayed in and till and which
will now be here. So had she could've
have caught all the nasty weather they
had out west, right in the neck.

I do hope she will pull along with Thed
& make ~~him~~ a good equine rider, man
out of him. Sure as shooting he'll get
a job out of it either in Wash. or in
Cambridge.

Don't you hear about Chiss' Aght's injuries
I hope she's as well as of the accident as you are.

I guess Alvin will be able to do some
for Thed. He's easy to get along with. Her
darned problem is that playing for that
darning teacher. I wish she'd didn't feel
she had to do it. Some days she has
no time to do any house work or even
get any but a pickyph dream. Would
that I might be there to help entertain
him. Thanks you for making these
dinner date with her & asking Alvin to.

You are too good to the Schmidt family ⑤
for the little that you get out of it

I should be writing on this thin paper but
I don't suppose there's enough difference between
two sheets of this one side, ^{and} the other with
on both sides. I seem to have the tendency
to write smaller on this side // oh an
old Time mag. not so long ago they had
the story of the "Princess Pat" an English
fish hawk on which the crew ran away
for long leaving her wife & children
behind them. She's anchored here in the
harbor at Hassan, a little worse for wear.

Did you see the story of Alaska pictures
in Monday, S.F. they are great & made
quite a hit here.

You see the Explorer's Club cards when they
come; send one ^{or two} to Daniel J. McCarthy
3520-73^d St.

Jackson Heights, N.Y.

You could also send your brother one but
I guess it's too far away to be convenient
& would make it too late at night to send him.

Letter 2 Finished Mar. 22^d at Cape Haitien. We get up six a.m. for citadel trip tomorrow morning ⁶ + leave here that night.

We are getting some collecting done, slowly but surely, but it won't be anything like on the Hancock cruises. There are the ones to get specimens on, by cracker!

As to mail service, we should be in San Juan by Friday the 26th but we're usually a day late yet that may be more on time as Shuter Kent's got to land for the, maybe that same day by plane. Then we should be there 3 days which will make it 30 ^{or 31} before we leave San Juan at least.

Then to St. Thomas V.I. We shall be there.

St. Thomas + St. Croix, one or the other for about a week. Certainly won't leave vicinity of St.

Thomas P.O. before 6 or 7 of April. ^{letter} ~~not~~ arriving ^{St. T.} up to that time I guess will be sure to get before leaving Virginis behind. After that it's Hobson's choice + I'll try live before. I

want to know about Etang Salé in Haiti + its purposes ^(+ other marine animals) before we start back for Trinidad. at least for we shall try making Port au Prince a way back, if there's enough time left. Notes may come along regular mail, we'll see. Best ever!

Mailed at Nassau,
Bahamas
Mar. 16, 1937



JOSEPH CONRAD

Hear Miss McCain,
nothing to write. There is
in plenty to eat and we've
started work. Got bitten
by a land hermit yesterday
nothing serious but a good
nip that gives flood. Had
an hour ashore and saw no
end of daybirds mostly
coal-black.
I'll be looking
for some wood in San Juan.

if not in Cape Hailien, guess
I should be writing Clarence
but just dashed this off while
waiting for a rain squall to blow
itself out. They are sudden
come sudden go.

This was going in
good bye. (I also rushed
off a little note to Welmore)
may very much ~~as~~ notes as
with I mailed rather sealed
for mailing to Abina last night
or for nothing much to put in
them either,

Bellevue
D.C.

Regards to Bryant &
rest.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 15, 1937

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

I am MAD as H...!!

If I had sat down and done the job myself in the first place, I wouldn't have had to bother you about that key and I would have had several days less to worry about it; but d...n it all, why can't the Assistant Curator in this place do a little curating now and then?

Your letters of the 12th and 13th came this morning on the first mail. I copied out your alternative keys, with all instructions, and went to Mr. Shoemaker's desk with them. He had given up the key as impossible, and I don't know what he intended to do, if anything, about it. (I hadn't told him that you were working on it, too.) When I saw your keys, I ~~knew~~ knew right away that trying to differentiate Call. and Iliacantha on abdomens wouldn't work, because Mr. Shoemaker tried that and found that the abdomens were all alike (that is, all five-jointed).

So, when he saw your keys, he said, "Wall, you know I found that the abdomens were all alike. So I don't know what else we can do. They all seem to be so much alike and the descriptions aren't adequate enough for me to tell them apart." (By the way, Call. has 7 spines. If you notice, the genus description said "posterior extremity with 3 spines," which is all right; the other 4 are higher up on the carapace. However, I changed it to read "posterior half of carapace with 7 spines.")

He still had the specimens on his desk, and I said, "Let me see some of the specimens." He picked up a bottle or two and peered in through the glass. I said, "Oh, take them out and look at them." He said, "You can see through the bottle." I said, "You cannot. You don't look at amphipods through the bottle." He said, "No, of course not, they're smaller." And I said, "Take out ~~each~~ each specimen and put it in a dish, and line them up here together where we can look at them."

Everything I have been able to get him to do about the proof has gone that way. I feel afterward as though it has taken an actual physical exertion (and a big one) to get him to do anything.

The minute he got the specimens out in a row I saw instantly the difference between Call. and all the others. It's as ~~plain~~ plain as the nose on your face, and I don't know where his eyes have been all this time. On either ~~side~~ side of the "face" of Call. there are three very distinctive spines. In her description of C. asper Miss Rathbun describes them as follows: "Hepatic region surrounded by rather profound depressions,


Eyes

I'll have to remember when page proof comes
 to check all of this rather carefully, especially species
 descriptions of all Iliacanthas. Sometimes the one
 spine is called "hepatic," sometimes something else.
 They ~~seem~~ seem to be about same ~~in all~~ in all
 species.

subhepatic, I guess.

and on its posterior part there is a strong toothlike protuberance occupying
 about one-third its area... A strong triangular tooth pointing forward, on
 subhepatic region, and a smaller tooth at anterior extremity of branchial
 region on anterolateral margin." The Iliacanthas ~~and Leucosias~~ have either
 no spines, or only one spine (the ~~hepatic~~ ^{subhepatic}) on either side of the front.
 The Leucosias have none in the ♀ and rudimentary one in the ♂.

I said to him, "There's a good difference. It shows clearly on
 all specimens." He said, "Well, you can't talk about spines when you don't
 know what to call them." He's always got some good reason why he can't
 use his head. He has maintained all along that he doesn't understand crab
 terminology. I don't either, but when I sit down with a crab in one hand
 and a diagram in the other I can learn it!

So here's the key which I evolved, and I'll stick to it! It
 shows plainly in all our specimens. It is true that ~~we~~ we have only one
 specimens of C. asper, but it is the only American species, anyway, and so
 the key will certainly be good for American species.

- ¹
 B. Posterior half of carapace with seven spines. Anterior half
 of carapace with three spines on either side.....Callidactylus.
- ²
 B. Posterior half of carapace with not more than five spines,
 usually three or four. Anterior half of carapace with no
 spines or with one spine on either side.
- ¹
 C. Posterior half of carapace with three spines.....Iliacantha.
- ²
 C. Posterior half of carapace with four spines
 (exceptionally showing trace of a rudimentary
 fifth).....Leucosia.

Is it all right? I do hope so. When I finished it, I said to him, "That
 looks all right to me." And he said, "Well, it's the best I (!) can do."
 Anyway, I hope it looks all right to you.

It has been snowing steadily for two days. It's very nasty
 underfoot. I talked to your wife this morning. She said she had the AAA
 man come out and put chains on the car and she left it sitting at the foot
 of the hill.

I had a letter from Fred Saturday. His wife has gone back to
 California! He said she was going to visit her folks for a couple of months
 until he goes back to Oregon. She must be a funny one. It simplifies the
 matter of entertaining Fred, ^{for Mrs. Schmitt} however. When I wrote him I had said, "I hope
 you and your wife can have dinner with me one night while you're here." He
 replied and said his wife had gone home, but, please, couldn't he accept the
 dinner invitation any way, because he isn't getting very good meals since she
 left. I told Mrs. Schmitt this morning that I want her to come to dinner,
 too, that night. She said, "Oh, no. You can have a nice little two-some."
 I said, "Not on your life. I want you to come, and both the children if
 they'd care to. I want protection!" Not that it would really worry me in
 the least, but I'm not going to give any man's wife an uneasy moment.

I can hold John's crabs until you get back. There are 25 species.

all originally described by Miss Rathbun, on which he merely wants her confirmation. I don't think it is so bad, but when she gets through with them, we can stick them away until you come back. I didn't understand from his letter whether he will come east or not. His people will be here April 10th. Fred thinks he would like to come down that week, so as to see them while he's here.

There has been a good deal of boy business in the other room, and of course that got precedence over the proof. When we were working on it this morning I rushed in here for another galley and when I got back, he was in the hall with a boy. I came back and did some typing. I heard him come in again, but he didn't call me, and I don't believe he ever would have if I had never gone back. He's only too glad to drop it all unless he's pushed.

I'm glad to hear such a good report of the Maersk boats. The one I'll be on, the "Anna Maersk" carries 16 passengers. There are 7 double rooms with a bath with each two rooms, and 2 single rooms with a shower with each. I didn't specify the accommodations I would like. I thought I'd take my chance. It is always my inclination to ask for a room alone, but I might get a nice roommate who would make the trip that much more enjoyable; and if I get a punk one I don't have to live with her for long. I'm looking forward to that part of the trip very much, and have already thought some of saving for the next trip which might be a trip to the Orient with them. Their round trip is around \$500; with 25% off to government clerks, it wouldn't be bad. I couldn't go all the way with them without stopping over between boats in Panama, because they do not give passenger service between American ports. Their passenger service is N.Y. to Panama, or from N.Y., Panama, or L.A. to the Orient. Their boats are over two weeks apart, and I didn't want to stay that long in Panama. Panama Railroad, at \$50, is \$10 cheaper, anyway. None of the Maersk folders tell what nationality they are, but Florence thought it was a Danish line, and she says the Danish lines have grand food and lots of it.

I'm glad you have the Kemp letter. I thought it was lost. Also, the Gordon notes relieve my mind. I'll type them off as soon as I can. The work is piling up terribly, and I can't seem to get ahead of it. Maybe now, that the worry about the proof is over, I can finish reading it, and get busy on other work.

You only said "Tell Florence I'll reply to her wire from some real romantic isle. It was a nice wire." I told her that, and she complained that you should send the message through me. I didn't tell her that you said you'd "spank her later." I shan't pass on that bit of information.

Among the leeches collected by Cahn there was one planarian, as you may remember. We sent it to Miss Hyman. She writes that it is without doubt a new species, but that she practically ruined the specimen in mounting it. She feels very bad about it, but I told her not to worry--accidents will happen in the best of families, etc. Is that all right? The thing's gone, she feels very bad, and there's no use ~~fix~~ feeling any worse. She's writing

to General Biological Supply in an effort to get more.

If you haven't written Mr. Shoemaker yet, I suppose there's no use. He'll do just as much as he wants to do, no matter ~~wa~~ what is said. I've done all this blowing up to you just to get it off my chest. It does no good to tell him what I think; he just gets injured and stands on his dignity as head of the office. I feel that it is a very peculiar situation. I am certainly the last one in the office to assume undue authority, and yet I have to beg him to do his own work! Trouble is, he doesn't consider it his work!

I wrote to Bartlett asking him if he wants more than 40 separates.

A letter came from Wilson today thanking me for the Sars notes. He is much pleased with them, and says they are just what he hoped to get. I'm glad.

Miss Ashton was knocked down by a car in Alexandria Saturday. She was bruised and shaken, but not seriously hurt. She is not at work today.

Thanks for the picture from the paper. Your wife said she was writing you that you needn't make any explanations--she wasn't born yesterday, she said!

Except for the proof, I could almost wish that you won't be back before I leave. I'd like to leave something behind for our friend to struggle with. If you don't get back, I shall, of course, get as much done on the Ann. Rept. as possible, and get next year's files in readiness, but I feel already as you do when you are going on a trip, "Devil take you all, I'll soon be gone."

One reason that I am so cranky today is that I haven't been sleeping well. I'm going home now an hour early, and try to take a nap.

Sincerely,

Lucile Mc Cain

Port Sledge & Mrs.

Hope have proof can hold till June 1.
but may be back before.

Miami. Mar. 12/37.

Dear Miss McCann, I'll try to answer

Give Gravier my very best thanks
his reply is just what I wanted

all your letters tonight. The one days
delays found everything awaiting me here
including the several descriptions (generic)

Thanks you for the Beatty info. it will
be most helpful. The Geographic ^{Crusoe} is
here, I guess the references got used up
long ago. Come to think of it now, I
must have sent the last one to Bayard
Colgate.

Good for you leave!

It would have paid you I think to
have taken Maersk all the way. A Mr.

Harvill who visited abroad here
in Palm Beach is going to China on one
of their ships.

But perhaps
could not
have been
cheaper
than Pan. R.R.

I read you grand & even
put up a swimming pool on the way
south, with 10-12 passengers who get the best

of everything. Says you couldn't do ⁽²⁾
better. Gosh all Henlock! I'll have
to tell my family that way some day.

I have the Jordan note. Yes it should
get published especially as Garrie could
find no date in Paris. I wrote you
about the Kemp letter in my last for
Palm Beach. ~~The~~ Kemp letter is here
I intend add. it, and besides it's too
much to send Graham; I want to let
him down a bit easier. Hope Seward
gets out a real catchy sketch. It
would both dress and live up the volume.

That is a good idea for a Steyeger
dinner; it's too bad it got started so
late. Wish I could think up a real
high letter but I can't, so I'll send
a prosaic one, which is about all I'm
able to do without your help. Yes

should hold his dinner in the Reptile house ⁽³⁾
at the Zoo for an appropriate background

Say you did I reply to Florence through you?
I just told you what I was going to do to
her in view of what you told me about the
telegram.

Please be sure that I've got an
extra 25 of Bartlett's account, for which
I shall pay this time. Bartlett may
want more, maybe you'd better ask
him ^{Bartlett} of the 50 (25+25) I can get only about
^{as I want to save out} 40 ^{than I told} write him. If more are wanted
I may be able to get the printer to
make up some extra ^{trial} sheets
printed but not used. I will know.

Write Bartlett and call I've a ^{any} once.
I shall pay for the extra 25 but Bartlett will have to pay for ^{any} over 40.

All calm down about the Spyming matter
as per your instructions.

O.K. Write me about the Orithyine,
leave out.

④

Regards mail: Cape Haitien
in about 10 days time I guess, then
San Juan P.R. Sorry I can't give
dates but I shall be wirelessing
Wetmore frequently. ~~again~~. I think
I have dated every letter sent you so far.
All letters to date have been mailed or
Palmy Beach except the Charleston one
and this one now from Miami.

Now I'm going to look over the generic
papers and see what I may be able to
dope out. As before, Clarence can't
admit he can't do it. It just
takes a little grubbing ^(not grumbling) and any person
trained in taxonomy should be able to
do it. I'll try a note on ^{Clarence} him if I
get a chance tomorrow. There's a lot to
do here, bills etc & we'll only have one
day to do it in. Had to go up & see
milk tonight, it's now eleven & I still
have to go over genera & the Guder note.

(5)

As regards the genera there is something rotten in "Remarks". In the Beys, in your letter of the 2nd, Calidactylus has Post. half of carapace with seven spines, but now I read in the definition or diagnosis of your recent copy, under Call "post. extremity armed with three spines". Did you perhaps copy it wrong. I never did check this def. against the before. I hope you did. Clarence will just have to get out a specimen and also look ^{up} ~~up~~ ^{check} ~~up~~ ^{of genus} ~~up~~ ^{Stimpson's} original description against what Miss Rathbun has.

I am so sorry about Miss Rathbun too. Poor little woman, she did her life's job ^{superbly} well. It's a pity she couldn't go out in full possession of her faculties. There was none better in her good days.

I do feel for her and want to do what^⑥
I can to have this volume above-
reached if it can possibly be done.
Poor little, old woman; just about the
best friend I ever had. ^{would that I could} ~~help~~ ^{help} her personally.

If Callidactylus has 7 spines
our task is easier. Pesta's definit.
of Treuesia should stand and ought
to hold for all species. There are
no real American species except
this doubtful planatus. But the
definition is as I have revised it
that will take care of the extra
spine you noticed in ^{one of} our specimens
of L. nucleus (your letter of March 2).

The Olliacantha def. is for
short as compared to the other two
but I guess we can let it ^{ride} ~~ride~~.
Now here are suggested "keys":

Granting Callidachytus has 7 spines
in post half carapace. (check specs & stippen
descript on this hom)

B' Posterior half of carapace with seven spines.
Chelipeds of moderate length. Abdomen
of male see over jointed. Callidachytus p.-

B² Posterior half of carapace with not more
than five spines, usually three or
four. Chelipeds long and slender.
- Abdomen of male five jointed.

This hold for
C¹ + C² hence
run in here

C¹ Posterior half of carapace with
three spines. Iliacanthus p.-

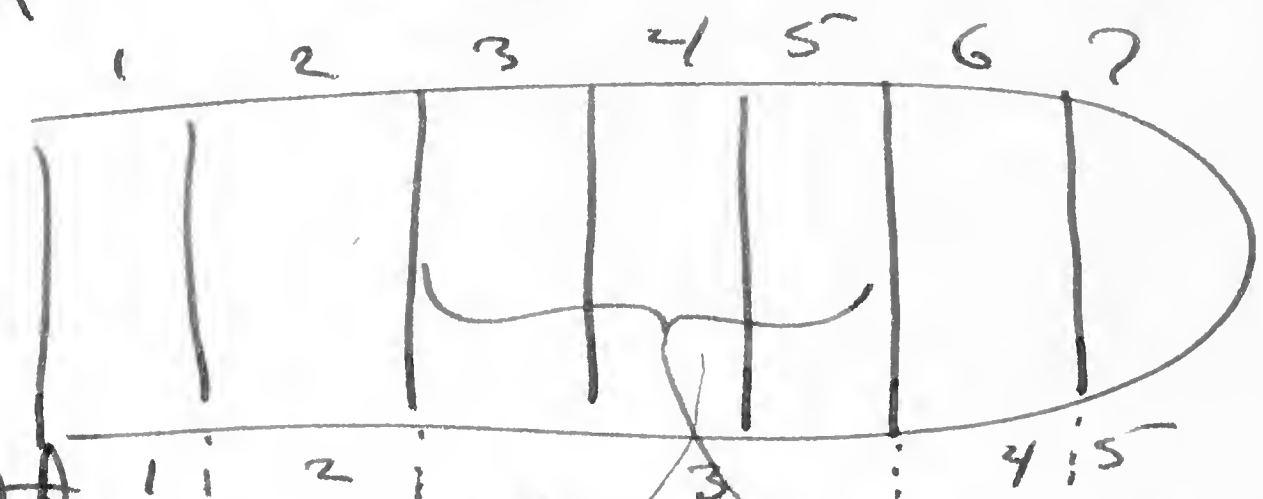
This is
in accord
with genus
definition

Per-enthes is

C² Posterior half of carapace with
four spines (exceptionally
showing trace of a rudimentary
fifth) Leucon p.-

note you could not put "spine" here
but in these cases it is O.K. not to phrase
spine here

The typical ^{crab} abdomen has seven segments, (of which last is telson but this is of no name (see))



In Diacanthus 3-5 are fused, which ^{thus} leaves 5 segments ~~which~~ which is same as Pesta gives for Tencosia so that part is O.K. under B² in key on other side, if however Callidactylus has a different number of segments in ♂ (don't know about ♀s).

If Clarence can't do anything with ♂ Callidactylus abd. you'll have to remove all reference to abdomen from key.

Rather guessey carcinologists say 5 joints when they mean with 15 segments, articles, or parts

If Callidactylus has only 3 spines
in post lulp.

B' Post. Lulp of carapace with three
spines

C' Chelipeds of moderate length.

Abdomen ^{of male?} jointed Calli-
p.-

C² Chelipeds very long and slender.

Abdomen of male five jointed
..... Iliaenopsis p.-

B² Post. Lulp of carapace with four
spines (exceptionally showing
trace of a rudimentary fifth). Cheli-
^{peds elongate.}
Abdomen of male with five joints.....

Senecio p.-

See note on ~~abdomen~~ ^{of Callidact.} on reverse of
first alternative of key (7 spined Calli) (p. 7a)
& also about omission of ref. to abd. in case you can't get
any data on Callidact.

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I added ~~not~~ about chelipedz and
abdomen to fill out keys. That will
leave us plenty of ~~room~~ ^{room} if we need
revise them in page proof. Hope you
can get something on Callid. abd
that is diff from the other two. It
not take out all ref. to abdomen in
either alternative for this key ^{Block}
and this OK &

Gosh. I want to quit to go to
bed but Mills is coming with all
ordered junk before 8 a.m. tomorrow.

If you write back air mail I'll get it at Nassau
there are two air planes a day out of Miami since
and we won't get there before Monday or Tuesday &
then may stay a day or two. You would have to mail
by air by Monday, air mail, anything to catch
me there & I believe even as late as Tuesday 4:30
would do the trick. ^{F.R.S. Joseph Conrad}
Call & tell Alvin this, I'll write him if I can but this ^{Nassau Bahamas Fds.}
must get off first. ^{c/o Postmaster} Better B.

I'd try to look up the J. F. W. Pearson
at the Univ. of Miami but I hope
he'll be gone by the afternoon, when
I'll first get a chance to look
for him.

Before you make it
plain to Clarence, if you leave
before I go that he's to write the Am
Rpt in shape. I'd write him that too
but if I don't even he'll write you in for
the job. So then,

W.

On board Comad. March 13 - Sat. Miami.
Just got a morning paper, I don't think
we have a copy but maybe we can
keep this down staying unless you
want it. Ahimsa Day one lot.

We shall get out of here either
late tonight or early Sunday ^{morning}.
We have all been kept posted as to
animals as such due to Bryant's
news. We got some running around
to do and if I have time I thought

ista, chief of the

Dr. W. H. Longley, Biologist, Is Dead

Head. Post Mar. 11 '37

Baltimore, March 10 (AP).—Dr. William Harding Longley, professor of biology at Goucher College and director of the Marine Laboratory of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, died tonight in Johns Hopkins Hospital. He was 56.

Dr. Longley, an authority on tropical undersea life, was born in Paradise, Nova Scotia. He was graduated from Acadia University in Nova Scotia, and received three subsequent degrees from Yale. He served for a year as an instructor at the later institution.

Dr. Longley wrote extensively on biological subjects and conducted field work in 12 foreign countries and many tropical islands.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hazel Fowler Baird Longley; two sons, Dr. William H. Longley, jr., of New York City, and James Baird Longley, of Baltimore, and one daughter, Miss Elizabeth Fowler Baird Longley, also of Baltimore.

Letter No. 1.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 11, 1937

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Just a note to enclose the clipping about Dr. Longley's death yesterday. It is too bad. I suppose you will want to write to Mrs. Longley. Her address is 511 E. 42nd Street, Baltimore.

I hope that your suggestion of Dr. Hildebrand to finish Dr. Longley's work will bear fruit, but with both Dr. Hildebrand and you out of the country some one else will have a good chance to get in ahead of you.

Fowler, from the Philadelphia Academy, is down here in the Fish Division. Mr. Bryant talked to him about the Academy collections and tried to bring the conversation around to the condition of the crustacea. Fowler said, "Our situation is just like yours. We have too small a staff and too many things to take care of, and of course some things are neglected. You have things sitting on your shelves that are neglected. We try to keep the bottles filled, and that is about all we can do." Mr. Bryant says he thinks it would have been most unwise for you to have sent those letters. He says that we are open to the same criticism ourselves in various divisions ^{and} ~~that~~ it wouldn't be well for us to make it of others.

It started snowing last night between eight and nine and must have snowed for several hours. It was still snowing at midnight. The walks are dry this morning, however, although there is snow on the grass and sticking to the trees. It was a very pretty snow. I could have enjoyed it more if I hadn't been caught out without rubbers. My shoes were soaked and my feet frozen by the time I got home.

I felt so sorry for Miss Rathbun yesterday. As she was leaving about three o'clock she came around by my table where I was reading the proof and said, "Oh, you're still working on that proof." More to make conversation than anything else, I said, "Yes, and I'm getting awfully sleepy over it." She said, "I'm awfully sorry that I made such a botch of it--but you know what the situation is." I felt so sorry for her. She's bright enough to know that she isn't so bright any more. I told her that it was the printer's misspellings that were worrying me, and she said, "Oh, yes, I noticed that." Isn't it sad?

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John Garth sent in a collection of crabs a few days ago, all of which he had ~~xx~~ named, but on which he wanted Miss Rathbun's confirmation. He said they wanted a set labeled in her handwriting for their collections. She is working on them now, I think. I don't know whether he will come in June, or not. He said in his letter to me that the collection was what he had intended to bring in June but, in view of your letter, thought perhaps he ought to send them at once. His people--mother, father, and sister--will be here about April 10th, he said.

Fred wrote me that the Hancock bunch got off two weeks late, too, on February 27th.

Sincerely,

Lucile Mc Cain

P.S. Mr. Trembly and Mrs. Grainger were married yesterday.
I think it is a fine arrangement!.

Letter No. 2.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
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March 11, 1937

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

I am numbering my letters today to distinguish them! I wrote you the earlier one ^{this morning} and had it in the mail when yours of the 8th and 9th arrived. I got mine back from Lanier right away, because I thought I might have to address it somewhere else than to Mills. There are two other letters of the 8th and 10th which have already gone addressed to Mills. I guess he will see that you get them.

I am enclosing copies of the descriptions of the three genera Callidactylus, Leucosia, and Iliacantha. I can't find anything particularly contrasting in the descriptions of the latter two. The only distinction seems to be the spines and, as you say, we can't be sure that four spines is a good character for Leucosia. I am afraid that these descriptions won't help you much; I wish I knew how and where to get more, but I don't. Perhaps you know the animals well enough to be able to make a distinction between them. Perhaps the descriptions of the species of Iliacantha will help. I'll copy and enclose them, too.

I do hope you can do something with them. Mr. Shoemaker is about as much help as Miss Rathbun. I have just been talking to him about it, and he says he knows nothing about crabs. He says that when he sat down with a Leucosia and Pesta's description of the genus, it didn't mean a thing to him! He doesn't know the crab terminology, and, what's more, doesn't want to, I guess. I haven't told him that you, too, will try to work out a key. He wouldn't even try, if he knew. And in case I don't get yours promptly, I'll need something to fill up the space and I'll use his. I told him that making a key was one thing I couldn't do.

You can say that he must put everything aside and attend to the proof--but, I wish you could figure out some way to see that he does it. I can't. Perhaps if you were to write him a note, asking him in a nice way to please look it all over again for consistency and clearness of meaning, he might do it. There is no use in telling him what you say about him in your letters to me. He ~~and~~ only gets mad because he is criticized and says, "Well, Dr. Schmitt had no business going away and leaving this on our hands. It's his responsibility." His trouble, of course, is that he doesn't want responsibility for anything.

I'm not a good manager. I can't get people to do things for me!

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Don't get so hot over the Løyning matter. The things came just a few days after we wrote Løyning. I wrote him again at once telling him that the package was received shortly after our letter inquiring about it went out. I hope he will think that they crossed in the mail. We have no way of knowing who swiped the stamps--that is often done at the Post Office before the packages are delivered here. The notes and drawings were in three separate envelopes--old envelopes addressed to Sars or to the Oslo Museum, just as we use old envelopes for putting things ~~ax~~ away. The stamps were all removed from those envelopes, and were probably taken by the Oslo people, particularly as two of them had originally been sent there from here. The three then were wrapped together for sending here, but were opened in the Smithsonian, and the Norwegian stamps were missing when they arrived here.

I sent the notes on to Wilson at once, but have received no acknowledgment yet. I sent them registered mail, and if I don't hear from him shortly I shall inquire.

When Mrs. Schmitt was in yesterday I asked her about entertaining Fred and his wife. She took his address and said she would write him. She said she wondered how long they ~~wa~~ would stay and when they would come, but didn't like to ask them. I said I didn't mind asking, and I wrote Fred yesterday and asked him. I'm sure he'll understand that one likes to know how to make plans for guests.

I looked through Bull. 97 and there are no subfamilies included which are not ~~American~~. I think, therefore, that the Orithyinae should come out of the present bulletin.

Getting back to that key. I suggested to Mr. Shoemaker that he get out a lot of specimens of Iliacantha and perhaps from the specimens themselves dig out something to distinguish them from the Leucosia. Pesta's ~~des~~ description of the latter is quite full, and he should find something in the specimens to contrast. Don't you think he won't admit that he can't. He's doing nothing else but!

I think page proof can wait until you get back. I hope you'll be back by the middle of May.

A note from Joe Robinson about his friends in Trinidad came today. I enclose it. Maybe you can read his longhand better than I. I can't make out the name of his friend.

Can you give me dates when mail is likely to catch you in the various places? Your instructions in that respect are a little confusing. Also, please, pretty please, add a place to the date line of your letters when you can. Your letters have all been from Palm Beach, I take it (except first one from Charleston), but you don't say so! I'll get you taught how to write a letter yet! I HOPE!

MAR. 11

Letter No. 2, p. 3.

A letter from Royt came this morning. He thanks you for all you did on that report and says he will be here in June, when he will call on you.

Also in the same mail was a two-line note from John Reed enclosing 5 pictures of Rodger at 6 months. I don't suppose you want to have to bother with them now, although I suppose Reed would be flattered if I told him I had sent them on to you, knowing that you would want to see them at once. I can tell him that, anyway. Personally, I can't say that the child looks so different from the pictures of him at 3 months--he's bigger, but has the same black hair and toothless grin. A handsome baby, however.

Zetek was nice. Now that my plans are quite definite, I'll write him again and tell him what dates I'll want a room. I am ever so pleased at being able to get the reduced rates. I have paid the full fare of \$50 plus \$3 tax on the Panama Railroad Line and got their receipt this morning. Did I tell you that ~~there~~^{their} regular fare is \$120, minimum? That's quite a reduction. I paid 25% of the fare on the Maersk Line from Panama to L.A. to hold the reservation, and will pay the rest before I leave.

Sincerely,

Lucile Mc Cain

Thanks for the story. It's a good one.

Mr. Bryant says to give you his regards, and everything.

*I started this d--- thing at
ten o'clock this morning. Now,
at 3:10, it is done. Fast work!*

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March 10, 1937

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Mrs. Schmitt was in this morning and brought the diary. Your letter on the fancy Conrad stationery had been delivered, so we read it. Your wife had come down to pay the income tax, but found she left her power of attorney at home, so she will have to make another trip.

A letter came from Gravier today. He says that after making all possible researches, he still found no date for Cuvier's plates. He says, "I do not think it [the date] exists. Our librarian, M. Bultingaire, who has written a memoir on Cuvier as an artist (he drew and even engraved) thinks that the date does not exist."

Do you want me to type the little note for Miss Gordon now? If so, please tell me what you did with it. You did not leave it out in sight.

Also, do you know what became of the Kemp letter? I have hesitated to write Graham about it, thinking that you may have sent it to him. If you didn't send it, however, I think he ought to be told at once that there is no hope in that direction.

Where in the world do you hide things?

Mrs. Pearson will make the correction of dates for the P. corrugatus.

Your wife says you will be too spoiled for anything when you get back, after the soft life you are living now. Never mind, we'll all do our best to take it out of you!

Too bad you and Lunz were seasick. Didn't you have any pills along? Believe me, I'm not going to start out without them.

I imagine that Mr. Rathbun has already started the drawing, for he asked me a couple of days ago how long he had to work on it--if a week would be time enough. I said I thought even two weeks, but he said he'd like to get it finished up sooner. If he has already begun, I suppose there's no point in having him change to another crab. I should think the crab most characteristic of the volume would be better than the one which happened to be mentioned last.

Miss Cochran, Dr. Schultz, and Dr. Hugh Smith have suddenly conceived the idea that it would be nice to have a dinner for Dr. Stejneger on his birthday (May 5) similar to the one we had for Miss Rathbun a couple of years ago and to get letters from friends and admirers as we did. They had Miss Rathbun bring down her book of letters this morning and all three of them looked at it. I saw Miss Cochran afterward and said, "You're getting started too late; you'll never get all the letters here in time." She said she knew it, but the men just got the idea the other day.

Did I tell you that Miss Cochran was so encouraged by the success of Miss Rathbun's permanent that she went and got one like it about a week ago? I think it is a great improvement on her mannish cut.

I was thinking about trying to acknowledge Gravier's letter in French, but I guess I'd better not try it. I would probably make too many boners. I wish I were good enough to do it, though.

I gave your message to Florence; in fact, she read that paragraph of your letter. She is deeply hurt that you should reply to her through me!

Sincerely,

Lucile McCain

Page proof of Bartlett's Explorations Pamphlet article came through a couple of days ago. I told Mr. Shoemaker I was too busy to read it. He read it, and I did not!

Palm Beach
Tuesday Nov. 9th 1937

Dear Miss McCain,

We are dreadfully
out of touch with mail service down here
on these docks. This morning I walked
up a couple of blocks so as to get onto
the main road where I flagged a
car with a colored family in it.
Gave them a quarter to take a couple
of letters some miles to the P.O. which
they said was on their way.

I was very anxious for the letter to
go as I had a long rigger made
about the proof. I've just been thinking
over the mail stops. Cape Hatteras must
be in touch with Port Au Prince by air
and so any air mail for the latter place
should reach the former not more than
a day later. Re the proof Clarence

will just have to set everything else
aside till it is done as best we
can. = just do the little jobs
you give him, but try and see what
he can find and attend to if wholly
and completely. = He must leave no
stone unturned to get it A#1.

We are having another rainy
afternoon, so I've taken these few
moments to scribble off this, as it
were follows up letter to the one I sent
this morning. The first of it was sent
me definitions of the three genera for which
we need a key Gallidactylus & Iliacanthus
from Miss Redburn's ms. and Sencosia
(Iliac) of one of Pesla. ^{Airmail special delivery Miami}
^{Ship Joseph Conrad % P. Mayhew}
^{Musical Pier Miami, Fla} Meanwhile you
should also hang out the three definitions
side by side and build up a key. Lawrence
should do it. He can't admit to cap't.
and from the ^{diagnosis} ~~key~~ work a key. It should
not be tripartite as you suggest. That's

a good way, and I personally have ⁽³⁾
no objections but we just don't
do it that way in these bulletins.
Our keys are quite uniformly dichot-
omous and should be kept so.

The seven spines seem to be a good
point of departure for the ¹⁺² B separa-
tions.

B¹ Post. Half of carapace with seven
spines. Callinectes

B² Post. Half of cara. with ³⁻⁵ ~~less than~~
seven spines, usually ~~less than~~

C¹ Here put some chara. other
than spines, that you can
dig out of diagnoses or def.
of Senecaria + Iliacanth

C² And here put the contrasting
one, a difference that sep-
arates the second from the
first (Senecaria from Iliacanth)
because we know too little about
the post. spines of carapace of these

I think you can do it, and the by
doing something it will hold the
space on the page for a key that it
really need be could be revised while
in page proof.

There isn't quite
room to print in our stateroom, so we
write out in the grand room but frequent
visitors make this a nuisance too.

This letter is in brief repetition of
the one I hope wins through, so I hope
you won't mind reading the same stuff
all over again; we've got to run soon
or here goes. We are showing the
movies up at the big house tonight.
& our Albert is coming down soon
to take us up tomorrow first.

Best ever
Dch

Friday is last chance for us to
get mail in Miami.

Send special delivery air mail
Ship Joseph Conrad, Municipal Pier % Postmaster,
Miami, Fla.

Palm Beach
Monday night
Muzh. 8. ①

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Dear Miss McCain,

You and the
Bulletin get first call on my
time tonight. We've all returned
from an all day auto trip to Miami.
And most fortunately so because I
received ~~last~~ your 4th letter of the second
and sixth and can now answer
them. Otherwise it would have
been for P. R. or some other place
too late to be of much help to you.

You are a grand scout. The
Beys cannot go in the style you sug-
gest on p. 2 of your Mar. 2 letter. All
our Mus. Beys are dichotomous and
not tripartite. The style on p. 1 should
be followed but other characters

will have to be dug out of the generic definition which will distinguish the key. Clarence just "has got to" make a key for the or else you'll have to do it. Get the definitions of the three genera and lay them out side by side see if you can't find differences which will enable a key to be constructed:

Iliacantha
 I defined it
 from bull. m.

Tenocoria
 def. taken
 from Pesta

Callidactylus
 def. from
 Miss R's bull.

Compare one statement after another char. by char. step by step in each of the three; you may have to take

chars. other than spines. Although
 the seven look like something worth while
 the one *Senecioia* for America. (Hannatus
 hasn't it) ~~is~~ a very doubtful one
 and so need not have much attention
 paid to it. It would I believe
 fall within the chars. of genus as
 given by Pesta. What did Leray
 about spines on ^{P. por. Holt} kind of *Caraph.* ^{as}
 would suggest in lieu of better: ~~for genus char.~~

B' Port half of cara. with seven spines Call.

B² Port half with less than six spines

C' Some other char. other than porteria
 spines - - - - - Senecioia

C² ditto, but opposite of, or
 contrasting with char. used in

C' - - - - - Ilia

Now as a prop's suggestion, send
 me det. of the three genera & let me see

4 What I can do. We shall leave ④
Miami either Friday night or
certainly early Sat. Morning
will have to be timed to reach there
~~Sat~~ ^{Friday!} & should be air mail special
delivery. ~~I am don't think you~~
~~have time.~~ ^{(Use this address for all mail to Miami from now on Hot Mills).} Address ~~Shut~~ ^{Grier}

Joseph. Conrad, Municipal ~~Club~~
% Postmaster, Miami, Fla. it's
just about 1/2 mile from P.O. & so
special delivery ought to work ok.
Mail out of here is hell; & so d.
slow. I'll try to get it an early
train tomorrow & you'll get it
Wednesday if you reach me. I wish
I could reply for you but perhaps
but the collecting will begin. You
can't come on Miss Ralston's
yes & no any more with any certainty
I'm afraid.

5 Short the three diagnoses down as soon as you can. // Good for calling the
de Singer

I don't know yet where the Kent letter is ^{may have been here} but please write Graham & Gleason & tell them, Kent advises us there would be little impact practically no hope of getting the suggestion I made to him regarding worked this very disaffiliated worked up at any reasonably early date, and that if worked would prob turn the job over to one of the younger men they had started at various phases of their plankton collection ^{foreign front} very ^{thoroughly} headfully ^{this} life with Kent seems to have come to naught and that you wish I could reply in person by ^{chance} as I'm on the move. | Graham won't need any of Kent's letters ^{perhaps better not}

P-the S.I. about ^{Spring} rather than stop & the gall of writing ^{stand to be} they know for what ^{purpose is intended}

⁶ I'll write Alina re Fred & Fred first ⁶
chance I get, even I hope. but this
mor. get the time now so out of Miami.

ms. letter of 6th I believe you've got the
Brachygnathus & Brachyphynch O.K. &
definitions given in #97 should be O.K. too.

P. 2. ^{might} It ~~would~~ have been alright to have left
Orithyinae in the key to Calappidae it
a parenthesis (not American) had been
added for them it would be a key to
the known subfamilies. Isn't there
something like that in the ^{key to} families ~~key~~
to Graphids. Maybe not. Could
look however. ^{no} But alright (as you
may have it)
perhaps better so.

P. 2. para. 3.

Genera do not need to follow
order given in key; is not always
possible, and ^{no.} pages ^{after} names of
genera in key take care of that.

I've written all foregoing on one side for your convenience.

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^{give medals}
 I am so glad that Zetels came a-
 cross so handsomely. Thanks too
 for writing Joe Robinson. Unless the
 cruise drags along as it has so
 far we'll make Trinidad. I guess
 the next safe bet for mail is San Juan,
 Porto Rico. Hassan for the third
 day after we leave Miami might
 do air mail, and ~~ditto~~ then Cape
 Haitien air mail but a letter there
 if any would almost have to leave
 a day or two after any ~~Hassan~~ mail.
 + unless ^{for some} extra special ^{reason} would I pay.
 You can play safe in San Juan, but
 that will be at least 10 days or 2 weeks
 after Miami's departure + air mail
 to San Juan. Get Pan American
 schedule air mail foreign countries.

I do hope you can stall along long
 enough so that I can see it before bull (orli)

finally goes to Press. Try hard &
Remind Oester of my wish.

We had busy day in Miami in a
good hard tropical down pour got
half but not quite wholly soaked.
Miller did wonders & has everything
ready to go; he personally will deliver
the stuff ^{on} board in Miami. & in addition
is going to make us a shift by Friday
for \$50, which would otherwise cost
us 80! at a regular ship yard.
Clyde made some of our last purchases,
which included some wine. I believe we
are now fixed for come what may.

I don't let that proof run you
ragged, but I am grateful for
what you are doing & have done &
may yet have to do. Badtch
certainly has the gift of gab. Thanks
for the excerpt. Will stand silence as
a later date, & write you a less hurried &
better letter. I hope thanks again to you. B.

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March 8, 1937

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Your letters came this morning but the diary, which I gather that you sent at the same time, has not arrived yet. I was in Dr. Wetmore's office for a few minutes this morning. At first he was not going to have me type your letter to him, but after he read a page or two aloud he passed it over to me and said, "Will you type it?"

The locality for Beatty's Pachygrapsus transversus (Gibbes) is "From corals and moss, Salt River, St. Croix. No. 209." I note, however, that it is P. corrugatus (von Martens) that you want to know about. It was in an earlier sending and the locality is as follows: "No. 139. On coastal rocks, Judith Fancy Bay, St. Croix." His specimen was an ovigerous female.

I am sending you a copy of the National Geographic containing your article. I could find no separates in that drawer of the file case. There were six complete numbers of the magazine, and pieces of two others from which your article had been torn out. I looked carefully for separates, but found none.

I have already written you twice at Miami, and shall send this there, as you are probably on your way there now.

I needn't have worried about my leave not being approved. It seems that under the new leave rules the only approval necessary is that of the head of the office. Thus, if you approve leave for any of us in this office, that is all there is ~~now~~ to it. I think it is a much better arrangement.

My trip is all about planned, I think. I can go down on the Panama Railroad Steamship Line for \$50, as I am a government employee. Dr. Wetmore is writing them a letter for me. As soon as I get it, I shall send them my money for passage on the Ancon, which leaves New York June 2nd, stops at Port-au-Prince, and reaches Christobal on the 10th. Dr. Wetmore will also write a letter for me to the ~~Ma~~ Maersk people, and I shall try to get passage on their boat which leaves Panama June 21st for L.A. He will also write something for me to carry along to show that I am a government employee. Mr. Zetek said I should have some such credentials. Dr. Wetmore was very nice, thought it was a good trip and that I'd have a good time, and made some suggestions of things for me to do ~~while~~ while I'm in Panama. I'm glad I was able to get the lower rates.

I shall pass your message on the Florence. She told me a few days ago that she had been getting a special delivery letter from you every day. I said, "Humph! I'm not impressed."

It sounds as though you will see a lot of the world and have a grand time.

Sincerely,

Lucile Mc Cain

The proof is going along. Nothing more has turned up to worry me since Saturday.

I really meant the threat I made before you left when I said I was going to stay home on sick leave for two days as soon as you got away. The only difficulty has been that I can't find time to do it! There seems to be so much to do, and my conscience works too hard.

P.S.

I mentioned to Miss Kallik that I ^{was sorry I} did not see Sevard again. He should get busy on the crab. But one suggestion more with regard to it. The last crab dealt with in the bull. is Geryon perhaps he'd rather do one. Clarence could get out a nice sized complete one. If Sevard has time he could do the Calappa on her table (perhaps) more characteristic of the vol. & else the Geryon the last crab mentioned in the bulletins. As the ^{preference} ~~preference~~ _{B.}

Sunday Mar. 7/37.

JOSEPH CONRAD



Dear Miss McCain,

How
this for paper. Oh, cigars
cigarettes, + drinks of most
kinds, are yours for pushing
the button or helping yourself
for that matter. The party
is even landier than on
the Velero III. We are
living the life of Riley,
dashing back and forth
between ship and the residence.

in a big convertible Singer with
liveried chauffeur. He took us to
the five and ten for some shopping
the other day. But more of this
in the "scribble" if you can read it.
I send herewith a draft of a note for
Sci. Mus. Journ. or the like. Had a wrong
date; that for Von Martens P. corrugatus
should be 1872 instead of 1879 as
typed get Bryan to have Mrs. Kearn
fix it. There isn't to be so much
about cats in the future notes, but
just now eat deep domestic jobs
etc. Monday it's out to Miami
with Albert the chauffeur. Tuesday
night I give a Galapagos picture
show at the big house to a group
of invited guests. Give my regards
to the three girls to Madeline, Clarence
Kelly, Miss Kathleen and last but
not least the best ever to you yourself.
I hope to promise more next time
but I shall write again (no foolin')
H.B.

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March 6, 1937

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Every day I think there will be a letter from you, so I have put off writing. Mr. Oehser read in the N.Y. Times that you got away from Charleston on schedule. I hope that this will reach you in Miami.

It is a good thing that you thought about the lack of definitions for the Goneplacidae and Carcinoplacinae in the proof. I checked through the entire paper. Up as far as the Calappidae, everything from subtribes down gave author's name, references to literature, and a short definition. From the Calappidae on, none of these were given. You had filled in the author's name and references for some of them and the definitions were not hard to find in Miss Rathbun's envelopes. For the Matutinae I used the definition given by Alcock. I felt that I was up against a blank wall when I found that the subtribe Brachygnatha and superfamily Brachyrhyncha had no author, references, or definitions. I forget now where I got my lead to start looking, but I think I have them all right now. However, I hope you will be back in time for page proof in order to check up on these. I don't know whether you will know anything about it, but the Brachygnatha references I found are as follows. (Miss Rathbun didn't even have them in Bull. 97, although she had a short definition of the subtribe.)

Brachygnatha De Haan, in Franz de Siebold, "Fauna Japonica," pp. XI-XIII, 1850.--Borradaile, Proc. Zool. Soc. London for 1900, p. 571, 1900; in J. Stanley Gardiner, "The Fauna and Geography of the Maldive and Laccadive Archipelagoes," Vol. 1, pt. 4, pp. 425, 426, 1903; Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist. (7), Vol. 19, pp. 466, 468, 477, 1907.--Rathbun, U. S. Nat. Mus. Bull. 97, p. 14, 1918.

[I took definition from Bull. 97.]

Superfamily Brachyrhyncha Borradaile

Brachyrhyncha Borradaile, in J. Stanley Gardiner, "The Fauna ..." Vol. 1, pt. 4, pp. 425, 426, 1903; Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist. (7), Vol. 19, pp. 468, 479, 481, 1907.--Rathbun, U. S. Nat. Mus. Bull. 97, p. 14, 1918.

[Took definition from Bull. 97.]

Does it look all right? I feel quite certain about the Brachyrhyncha. Borradaile says definitely, "I propose the name Brachyrhyncha for...." so it is without doubt his name. So far as I could find, De Haan was the first to use the term Brachygnatha, and it was later modified by Borradaile. I made De Haan author of the name.

In the key to the Calappidae, Miss Rathbun had the subfamily Orithyinae, which never appeared again anywhere in the paper. I looked up the species, of which Orithyia seemed to be the only one. It apparently is a Chinese species which has never been known in America. I spoke to her about it, then, and she took the subfamily out of the key and changed the key so it is in the proper order.

I didn't get much help from the other room. It was the same old story of its being simpler to do it myself than to stand over him and see that he did it. I'll tell you about it when you get back. I did manage to get him to check the definitions of Goneplacidae and Carcinoplacinae with that of Geryon, and then he asked Miss Rathbun to do it, too. But I spent all day yesterday running the Brachygnatha and Brachyrhyncha to earth by myself.

I notice that the genera are not always described in the order in which they are given in the keys, but I suppose this doesn't matter. I find them out of order in the earlier bulletins, too. Finding that subfamily Orithyinae makes me think that I ought to check through to be sure that every genus and species given in a key is later described. There might be other omissions of the same sort.

Anyway, the worst of this is over now. I think I have made all additions and insertions, and am now ready to sit down and start reading the whole thing. Oehser was in yesterday and, after seeing what I have done, agreed that I ought to read the whole thing.

A letter came from Zetek a few days ago, a most helpful one, too. He mentioned one ~~line~~ line, the Maersk Line, which I had never heard of before. I wrote their New York office, and they are the first one I have found which actually gives a 25% discount to government employees. They say so in their letter. I wouldn't want to go to Panama with them, but I think I would like to go from Panama to L.A. on their boats. That fare is \$90, but only \$67.50 with the discount. Zetek recommended the line highly, and from their literature the boats seem nice. They have room for only a few passengers (20 or less) on each boat, but passenger accommodations are very nice.

Zetek also sent up their last year's telephone directory, which lists all the steamship lines, with approximate dates of sailing, stops enroute, rates, etc. He checked those that he thought I would be interested in. He also said he was sure I could find a room in some home that would be cheaper than the hotel. I wrote him to thank him and to return the postage he put on the telephone directory.

The enclosed letter just came from Mr. Robinson at the Explorers Club. I have written him telling him to send the addresses of his Trinidad friends to me and I will send them on to you whenever I get an address from you.

We're having grand weather, warm and sunshiny. Every one has spring fever.

I can't think of anything else to say. Nothing exciting has happened. I'm anxious to hear from you, what the boat is like and everything.

Sincerely,

Lucile Mc Cain

MacCarthy thinks we'll be
2-3 days at Palm Beach
if so General Delivery would
get me. At any rate I'll
leave Mills address there,
as forwarding on em.

Thurs. eve.
Mar. 4, '37.

Dear Miss McCain, Nothing much
more, but back in rear of bottom
right hand letter file drawers, ^{facing door} one
^{you facing cases} nearest your desk, are a few
separates of my Juan Fernandez
article, some (or one) in little folder.
Please mail ^{one} care of Mills, to
^{regular mail, have plenty time} Miami. I am hoping it time
~~permits~~ that we may be able to make
Sabago which is the Atlantic
Cruise Island. As you will see
in my notes I got squeamish today
this a.m., but didn't miss any-
meals. Tomorrow we get into
Palm Beach, doing about 8-9 a.m. have
had a little engine trouble again
& they figure it will take 3-4 days

Coover haul. Somebody sold Bartford
a second hand diesel, it gives
plenty of trouble as far. This
morning it was all pitching and
tossing because we are going down
it's all rolling.

wed.

mon. 3/37
12 noon

(we eat
at 100)

Dear Miss McCain,

Tell Florence

I'm going to write her for some
real romantic side. It was a
nice telegram. Tell her I
feel it in my bones, that fate
will bring about a meeting one
of these days.

Took over your Lord Beatty
report. I want to verify the
locality for the Pachygrapsus
conjugatus he got us at St. George
Salt River, Logans, say a just rock,
off a near Judith Hanay. Please
send me straight. Heyward Hunt

plans to stop in the Virgin Islands
for some time, and so I may have
a chance to get more of this rare
crab. Hope so anyway. Also
with this information send me about
a dozen or 18 of the letter sized
envelopes like the one enclosing this.
Use Mills address, as I do
not know any at Palm Beach
other than General Hehner & beside
are slay there is too uncertain.

Thank you for all you did in
that last rush. It was great
about a dozen letters or notes.
I'll have to write Miss Kalkin
& my mom ~~next~~ afternoon. Hope you
won't mind typing the old notes again.
Best ever. B.D.S.

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March 2, 1937

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

We are all wondering if the boat got off today, but I suppose we will hear soon. In all the rush Saturday, I didn't think to tell you to give my regards to the Lunzes. I hope you did, anyway.

Your letter came yesterday. I had already put in the *Goneplacidae* Rathbun, Bull. 97, reference. I began worrying about who made the change in spelling from *Gonoplacidae* and, after half a day in the library, I decided that Miss Rathbun must have done it in that bulletin, so added that reference.

We are having a sweet time with that proof. Mr. Shoemaker is like the Dutchman's flea; he keeps escaping me and I have to catch him again and bring him back to the subject in hand. Stejneger said the *Leucosia* (Fabricius) could go, and to disregard Weber, who did not write an intelligible description. So, we have the references to the genus fixed up all right. I just got the translation of Pesta's *Ilia* from C. W. Shoemaker, so now we can fix up a diagnosis for the genus.

The main trouble that is left is the matter of the key. It seems that we do not have a specimen of *Leucosia planata* (Fabr.), the West Indian species which Miss Rathbun mentions in the bulletin. The only specimens we have are 4 of *Leucosia nucleus* (Herbst [I guess]) from Turin, Italy. Three of the specimens seem to have four spines; one of them has the rudiments of a fifth. Whether this count of four (or five) spines would hold for American *Leucosias* we do not know. Mr. Shoemaker, in desperation, said he would have to ask Miss Rathbun to help him. He did ask her, when she came to a good stopping place, to let him talk to her about the matter. She said, "Yes," but I feel that it all went right over her head. She has been puttering around all afternoon, and I think by now has forgotten that he wants to talk to her about it.

Here is something Mr. Shoemaker and I are agreed on about the key, where *Leucosia* should go in. The key at present reads:

- B¹. Posterior half of carapace with only three spines....Iliacantha.
B². Posterior half of carapace with seven spines.....Callidactylus.

You suggested this:

- B¹. Posterior half of carapace with not more than ____ spines.
 C¹. Posterior half of carapace with ____ spines.....Leucosia.
 C². Posterior half of carapace with only 3 spines....Iliacantha.
B². Posterior half of carapace with seven spines.....Callidactylus.

But why isn't this better? It is shorter, takes less space, and we cannot see any particular reason for adding C¹ and C². Here's our idea:

- B¹. Posterior half of carapace with only three spines.....Iliacantha.
B². Posterior half of carapace with ____ spines.....Leucosia.
B³. Posterior half of carapace with seven spines.....Callidactylus.

Wouldn't that be all right? Why put the first two in one category and the third in a second? Why not each one in a category by itself?

I think I shall have to read the proof myself when we get it all arranged, just to see that we kept it consistent and to see what else I can catch. This morning, without even trying, my eye happened to light on "Tierra de Fugeo" which had escaped the eagle eyes of all of you.

The books, "How Crazy are You" came, one yesterday and one today. I forgot to pay you for mine. I'll try to remember until you come back. I don't think, now that I've seen them, that they are worth the price!

What became of the Kemp letter? I can't find it anywhere. I was going to send a copy to Graham. Did you send it to him by any chance? I can pretty well tell him what was in it.

What about the letter to Miss Gordon that I was to write (or not, as the case may be) when we hear from Gravier? I don't see it around anywhere, either.

Today Mr. Bryant brought down the ~~Sars drawings~~ Sars drawings and notes. They were addressed to the Smithsonian ~~Institution~~ Institution, (there's something wrong with this typewriter!) Institution, had been sent to the editor's office, and have lain around there for no one knows how long. All stamps and postmarks have been cut off. I shall write to Løyning right away, and shall send the notes on to Wilson.

We have had two nice, sunny days, but I guess it will rain tomorrow.

A letter came from Fred yesterday. He said unless you are back by the first of May he probably won't see you. He would like to start back west as early as possible in May, and thinks he had better come here in April.

Sincerely,

Lucile McCain

March 2, 1937.

This sheet doesn't go on the carbon!

It would do your heart good to see Mr. Shoemaker fuming over the proof! He is sweating blood over it, and I'm trying to be not too helpful. However, it's the same old story; you have to pitch in and tell him what to do every step of the way. He couldn't find any figures of Leucosia. I said, "Did you look up the references Miss Rathbun gave?" "Well, I looked up Fabricius. We don't have the others here, I guess." I said, "Are they in the library? If we don't have them, you'll have to get them from the library." He found one other, which was no help, and I asked, "Did you look up the Milne Edwards reference?" "No, the library doesn't seem to have it." "Well, I said, "then send to the Library of Congress for it. You can't just ignore it because our library doesn't happen to have it." He finally found it, right here in our division, and it was no help. But the whole thing went like that; I might as well have done it myself, only I swore I would not!

Florence called me up yesterday to read to me the telegram which she had sent you. She ought to be skinned! I told her I hoped it cost her plenty. She said it did cost more than she had figured on, but that you were worth it! She confessed, however, that she did not take it to the Western Union office herself. She was ashamed to, and made the other girl in the office the goat. That girl didn't know what she was sending, either. If you should write her a card, you might rub it in. Tell her that you aren't impressed with telegrams that the senders are ashamed to take to Western Union themselves, or something like that!

It seems to me I've worked harder these last two days than I did before you left. Can't see that I've accomplished much, either.

L Mc.

Dear Miss McCain,

It was a rush and no mistake. I got my ticket with one of those govt requests (Harm the things anyway) Had to write it out in a hurry. Also drop a wire at the W.C. desk for Sunz — But I made it with about a minute and thirty seconds to spare! Only forgot one thing at home my razor (borrowed the porter's ^{razor}) I had brush, soap and blades.

Of course in the night I thought of many things, not the least the proof.

how relative to the family *Goneplacidae* (Agal ^{ax} 103) and the subfamily same galled *Carcinoplacinae*. Took back through paper if other family and subfamily definitions appear or are regularly used they need to be run in here. You can copy

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them from those pasted slips I showed
you, with ~~but~~ a caution, ^{care}
will have to check through these
definitions (or def. if only family
is used) to see that there are
no statements in them inconsistent
with the generic definition of
Geyon, and the specific description
of Geyon quinque dens. I doubt
if there are any but they should
be guarded against. If any
do show up they should be
deleted rather than modified for
otherwise it might throw
family out of kilter with
some other genus. This
reminds me of one other thing

④ I intended to say first to
the references of both the family
and the subfam. Goneplacidae
& Carcinoplacinae you must
add: "In first case ref.
para 20 to speak:
Goneplacidae Rathbun, Bull.
U.S.N.M. (note as?) no. 97, p. —, 1917.
but in second just follow
along because spelling is same
as in other references,
" — Rathbun, Bull etc
no 97, p. — 1917.

This again makes me wonder
if other subfamilies in group
were defined or described. I do
recall Calappinae were not
and Matutinae were not.
Was about Ebulinae and
Philizinae & Sencysinae? I
don't remember. If subfamilies

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(all end in inae) are not de-
fined as much the better if
they are, you put. c an find
definitions in Miss Rall's
letter file case, in envelope
a dig then out from Alcock
or that Pestal book in which
case you'd have to get translations

Thank you for coming down, I
know I couldn't have made it
if you hadn't. I sort of feel
that Clarence too depended on
you getting straight what I
wrote or said rather than getting
it all straight for himself.
By the way, I want Oesher

To save this copy of the book
for us, not to destroy it when
he is through. Don't forget this
for I do want it.

I'm getting the stuff at home
packed between trunks & suit
cases & my stationary envelope
get into the trunks & not my
train grip. There was among
the odds & ends I scoured
up from my desk - all live
got train? has no ~~paper~~ ^{writing} desk
club car, or even paper as
I have to wait till I get "asked"
to mail this. I dropped Alice
a goodly message last night
in my only envelope, the one
you made me put my stamp
on. I brought them along
not fortunately had it. I
These notes here about

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The proof I flashed through
my head at 3 a.m. Oh!
no! this is being penned at
7:36 but I did get a pencil
& paper to note the thoughts
presenting you.

I'm glad you
didn't take me at my word
and not rush down. What a
dare you car fare or taxi?
It was just ^{good} luck was it
that you hadn't gotten busy
with your hair? at just
a good intuition?

My best to you and
many many thanks to you
D. S.

Apr. 18/37.

P.S. Mr. Starosselsky told me
of some fresh-water trout in your
streams on the island of St. Thomas.

This sounds like a very interesting
occurrence and I would like
very much to be able to secure
a few specimens of them.

Could you arrange to have
a man get me several I
shall be glad to pay for them
and if he could get them before
I arrive I am sure Mr. Star-
ossebsky would put them into
formalin to preserve them
against my arrival about
the 30th of ~~May~~ April. I had
planned to mail my note

to you at Dominica and
again at Martinique, but
I learn that we can do better
by carrying all of our mail
on to Trinidad and sending
it up by air mail from
there. Forget about the stamps
unless you know where I
can buy a few.

Lots of good wishes
and good luck to you

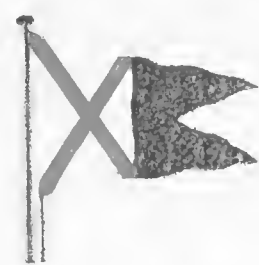
Sincerely

Huldus Schmidt

in use. My son has a
small collection and also
some of my friends have
asked me for a few; or do
you know who has stamps
for sale reasonably. I would
that we could stop longer
and had stayed longer than
we were there in St. Thomas

before. A number of crustaceans
were named after your relative
Riise, some indeed mentioned in
the booklet I spoke of. I would
like to learn more of him too.
Quite a number of new records
of crustacea at St. Thomas were
established by him. ^{my best regards from} ~~Waldor~~ ^{Waldor} Schmitt

Emigle Point,
Dominica,
April 14 '37.
JOSEPH CONRAD



Dear Mr. Petit,
We have
been going over our schedule
again and plan to stop
for one day at St. Thomas
on our way home. It will
be about the last day in
April, the thirtieth. But
which ever day it is I
should like to call on
you again in the

evening if you will be free. Of course we can not be certain of the actual day but it will be about a month after the thirtieth of April. I am especially anxious to look over your crustacea again and I believe I am tempted to ask you for the one crab in the lower left corner of your case. It is Hepatus princeps and represents the first of the species seen at St. Thomas.

This next time I shall have with me a little booklet on the crabs of the island so far as known. Of this I shall later send you a copy when I return to Washington.

~~* And now a little more personal request. Have you any of the Danish West Indian stamps for me?~~

Forget this as too presumptuous on my part. I opened this letter to add one other little note about fresh water trout.

FHS

April, 1st.

Dear Waldo: Was glad to get your two notes and hear that you are having a nice if slow trip. Should have written you before but really haven't had the energy. Haven't been what you would call real well for some time, no pep, stiff and achy all over at times since I had that attack of Lumbago.

Have been to Wynkoop for treatment and had my back barked, some days I feel pretty good others not so well. Nothing to worry about.

Easter Sunday Alvina called for us, she was home alone and on the way out we called on ⁺ Helena and spent an hour with her, she is always so glad to see us.

It was a horrid day cloudy cold and windy, we had four days of that cold weather, temperature below freezing at night, had to burn smudge pots to keep the Cherry Blossoms from freezing.

Got a lovely Azalea plant and pretty card from Edwin, also one from

Eda and Sandra and carnations from
Thelma. The first year that I did not
dye any eggs.

Had a good turkey dinner at the
Greenway Inn on Conn. Ave.

Had a letter from Rudolf, he still
doesn't know anything definite a-
bout his transfer to Philadelphia.

Patterson is too busy with his new
job and the coming Company Con-
vention in St. Petersburg Fla.

Doesn't expect to know anything one
way or another before July first at
the earliest.

Got some cute little snapshots of Sandra
on roller skates, that little tot she
was just three years old on the 23rd
of March.

Wesley Ketter is to be married in
June some time and Florence wants
to go home to the wedding, it is to
be in Mass. the girl's home.

You think he is such an ugly duck
well, he found a girl that would
have him.

Take care of yourself, don't get too fat.
Lots of love and kisses from Mom and
Thelma.

Box 5347
San Juan, Puerto Rico
April 14, 1937

Dr. Waldo Schmitt,
% Royal Bank of Canada
On Board Joseph Conrad
Port of Spain, Trinidad,

Dear Dr. Schmitt,

I am sending herewith some of the prints from the pictures I took on your visit here. I don't have many copies of these pictures but am having some more made and will send them on as soon as I get them.

Dr. Pearson and I have been travelling around the island quite a bit during the last week. We hired a small sloop and sailed over to Desecheo Island where I tried to make a landing in spite of a very rough sea. My small boat was overturned in the surf and I got a wetting, which didn't hurt me any, but did play hell with my motion picture camera, and to some extent with my Graflex. The Graflex is back in shape again, but the motion picture camera is still ailing. I took some pictures of the Man-o-war birds on their nests and then managed to get back through the surf to the sloop. We started back to Mayaguez with a spanking breeze which failed us just a few miles out of Mayaguez, leaving us becalmed for twelve hours. A trip to Mona Island failed to materialize, and we spent the remainder of the trip at Guanica and Cartagena Lagoons. Dr. Pearson sails for New York this afternoon. It has certainly been great having him here.

Hope you are having a good trip and that things are coming your way.


Dr. del Valle tells me that the under-water pictures you took out at Boca de Cangrejos are wonderfully clear. I haven't seen them yet but am planning to have them projected soon.


My regards to Mr. Hartford, Mr. Heyward, Mr. Lunz and that excellent harpooner Jack Hawkins.

Del Valle joins me in wishing you a pleasant and successful trip.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Smith

sand beaches. The one I especially want is a squarish sort of a fellow about $\frac{1}{2}$ to an inch long looking something like this  in top view without the legs & feelers.

I would gladly give a dollar for ^{one} dozen ^{or ten} of these squarish ones (not oval ones which also occur in the same beaches with the squarish one). 

Here's to seeing you the end of this month. Our best to you.
Sincerely, Walter S. Schmitt.

April 18,
1937.

Monte Barbad
he mailed Trini
dad
JOSEPH CONRAD



Dear Mr. Staroselsky,
Our plans now call for a one day stop at St. Thomas on our way home, about the thirtieth of April, so if you have not yet sent off the buccaneer-crab (if of course the owner was willing to part with it) I could pick it

up when we come. I have also
written Maurice Petit of our coming
and asked him if he could arrange
to have some of the fresh water trout
you told me about, secured for our
return. I shall gladly pay for them,
and suggested if necessary he ask
you to put them into formalin for
me. (one part the commercial article in 20
of water, fresh or salt whichever
is most convenient).

I do want to thank you for your
several kindnesses at the time you
devoted to my interest while we were
in St. Thomas. If Billie Lewis
should get any odd specimens of
crabs or shrimp toward the end of
the month, I hope he will save them
too. Especially I want the so-called
sand bugs I told you about that
burrow in the water's edge along

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July 16, 1937

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt
U. S. National Museum
Washington, D. C.

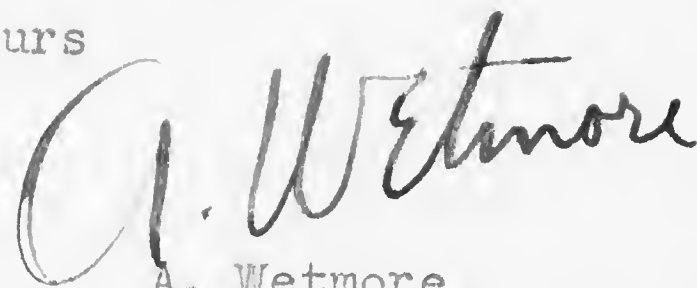
Dear Dr. Schmitt:

I have read with interest your report under date of July 7 covering your detail to accompany the Smithsonian-Hartford Expedition - 1937 on the ship JOSEPH CONRAD.

The material received and the numerous contacts made during the course of the trip are very gratifying.

I have expressed the Museum's appreciation for assistance rendered by some of the gentlemen whose names you mention.

Very truly yours



A. Wetmore
Assistant Secretary

B:W

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 7, 1937

Dr. A. Wetmore,
Assistant Secretary
U. S. National Museum

Dear Dr. Wetmore:

In accordance with your letters of authorization and instruction of February 2, 1937, I proceeded to Charleston, South Carolina, on February 27, to join the Ship "JOSEPH CONRAD". In Charleston we were delayed several days because of engine trouble. Newly reconditioned, the Conrad during the early stages of this first Smithsonian-Hartford Expedition, 1937, was undergoing, as it were, her shake-down trials. Engine trouble and delayed battery renewals dogged our steps to Palm Beach and during the greater part of our seven days stay there.

While in Charleston I visited the Museum, my first opportunity of going over this most interesting institution, the first museum in America. I was most hospitably entertained by E. Burnham Chamberlin, "Bob" Lunz who was to be my assistant during the cruise, and Mr. Jermain Slocum, well-known to you. The night of the first of March I gave an illustrated talk on the Galapagos Islands before a number of the friends of that institution. We left Charleston 9:45 A. M. March 2, arrived in Palm Beach early the next morning, sailing a considerable part of the way. A square-rigger is a grand sight under full canvas and as easy sailing as she is to look at.

In Palm Beach, Mr. Hartford joined the ship, having been unable to do so earlier in Charleston because of an attack of the "flu". We were entertained several times at Mr. Hartford's home and on one of these occasions I gave a group of guests a talk on my Galapagos experiences, illustrated by motion picture+slides. Mr. and Mrs. Hartford placed an auto at our disposal while in Palm Beach, but we did not have much need for it except for a couple of shopping trips to West Palm Beach, several calls we paid to the Hartford home, and one day's trip to Miami to complete arrangements for the delivery of the diving hood and other gear gotten together for the expedition by Captain John Mills of the Tortugas Laboratory of the Carnegie Institution, and to purchase

a skiff. We got away from Palm Beach early on the morning of the twelfth and tied up to the dock in Miami at 4:15 the same afternoon. Less than forty-eight hours were spent here, just long enough to get our new collecting gear and the last of our provisions aboard.

At Nassau (March 15 and 16), we established our first stations - diving, shore-collecting and dredging. One day (March 19) was devoted to dredging and shore-collecting in the vicinity of Cockburnton, San Salvador, formerly known as Watling Island, one of the more prominent of the several claimants to the honor of being Columbus' first land-fall in the New World.

The next stop was at Terra Baja Road, Tortuga Island, March 21. Here the extensive reefs sheltering the anchorage formed a good collecting ground. During our two days' sojourn at Cape Haitien (March 22 and 23), a visit was paid to Christophe's Citadel, a most impressive piece of masonry, and one well-worth a second visit. We had planned to stop in Samana Bay, Dominican Republic, but adverse winds caused us to lose almost a day along the north coast of Hispaniola. As a result this visit had to be omitted in order to get Mr. Atwater Kent, Jr., a guest of Mr. Hartford's during the first two weeks of the cruise, to San Juan by the Twenty-seventh.

In this fair harbor we got our first porpoise of the cruise and I believe the first record for Tursiops tursio for Puerto Rico. During the full seven days of our stay here collections were made at a number of places around the harbor, and outside in the vicinity of Fort San Geronimo. A number of dredge hauls were also undertaken. We were entertained on two different evenings at the Governor's Palace, the second occasion being a state dinner, attended by some thirty guests. We were also much befriended by Mr. Charles R. Hartzell, a prominent attorney, and kinsman of Du Bose Heyward, and Dr. Pedro del Valle, a well-known dentist of San Juan and a great nature lover. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan. As a pastime he has opened to the public as beautiful a patch of "marine gardens" as I have seen anywhere. At these gardens at Boca de Cangrejos which he owns, we went both diving and fish-spearing.

St. Thomas is the type locality for a number of the West Indian crustacea described by Wm. Simpson, which mostly if not all had been collected by one Riise, after whom many animals have been named. Mr. Maurice Petit, a relative of Riise's, with whom I became acquainted, well remembers as a boy going collecting with him. Petit actively has kept up his interest in natural history. Not only is he the Director of the local Botanical Garden maintained here by our Government but he has a comprehensive private collection of shells for the island identi-

fied from time to time by the National Museum which thus has a representative set of the material. This collection is wholly from the island of St. Thomas and consists of not less than 208 species, and in excess of six to seven thousand specimens. In addition he has an interesting lot of crustacea of which he gave me a number of dried and pickled specimens of species we were not successful in obtaining in the course of our own collecting. Especially worthy of mention is a large specimen of Macrobrachim jamaicense something over 20 inches long over body and extended claws. This is a first record, so far as I can ascertain, of the species from the Virgin Islands.

Next we proceeded to Coral Bay, St. John, April 6, and then on to Cruz Bay April 6-7, where we were entertained by Dr. George Hughes, Resident Commissioner. Collections were made at both stops. Most unfortunately, Dr. Hughes had a bad fall while showing us an old ruin just before dark. He slipped from the edge of an old exterior stone stairway, and but for temporary inconvenience seemed none the worse for his twelve or fifteen foot fall. Not until we returned to St. Thomas on the way home -- two and a half weeks later -- did we learn that he had broken three ribs.

The early afternoon of the seventh, we left for St. Croix, experiencing some of the worst weather of the whole trip on the way over, rather severe rain squalls and a great deal of motion. If one examines the harbor chart of Christiansted, he will see that it is one of the meanest harbors imaginable to enter and none too well buoyed. The entrance channel makes two sharper than right-angled bends forming a regular letter Z. In we went, in a driving rain and the poorest kind of visibility. Wondering why no pilot came out to show us the way in, we learned after we dropped the anchor that coming through that tortuous channel amid the dangerous reefs for which Christiansted Harbor is known, just isn't done after dark. Our rare, unprecedented feat caused a "nine days'" wonderment ashore, in fact a goodly portion of the populace turned out to see it done when they saw our searchlight picking up landmarks.

St. Croix was one of the main objectives of the carcinological end of the cruise. It was here that one of our good correspondents, Mr. Harry S. Beatty, had secured some time previous a specimen of the rare grapsoid crab Pachygrapsus corrugatus von Martens first described in 1879 and not taken again until received from Beatty. With Kai Essman, the owner of the Judith Fancy estate, I combed the shores of the bay of that name where Beatty found this specimen, but without success. Regrettably, Beatty was absent on a collecting trip to Venezuela and not available to point out to us the exact place and conditions under which his crab was taken. It was through the kindness of Mr. Anthony Work, assistant to Mr. Harry E. Taylor, the Administrator of St. Croix, and his wife that we met Mr. Essman and a number of

the original Danish element of St. Croix, and still owners of the greater part of the island, as well as the American officials representing the Interior Department, under whose jurisdiction the Virgin Islands fall.

With Kai Essman also, we collected at several places in the Salt River lagoon obtaining among other things specimens of oysters much desired by the Bureau of Fisheries. Mr. Taylor spoke of his interest in having archaeological investigations undertaken on St. Croix. There are a number of large shell mounds on the island, and one which I personally saw, hard by Salt River, was filled with potsherds. Kai Essman told me that both a Danish scientist and later representatives of the Museum of the American Indian had worked here for a time and had secured some beautiful unbroken pots. They made only limited excavations and by no means exhausted the place. Essman said that a lot of fine material was yet to be had in return for a little work.

We repaid our social obligations by giving a party aboard the ship the night before we left St. Croix (April 10th), going out as we had come in, at night.

Saba (April 11-12) is an island of which much has been written. but most of it plain hearsay. A precipitous volcanic peak, it does not have enough arable land to support its present population, with the result that a great deal of its food must be imported. The thrifty inhabitants are chiefly women, as the men must of necessity go elsewhere to earn their livelihood for the most part, as mariners. The women, in their turn, add to the family earnings by making up fine linens and drawn work. Prof. Stuart Danforth of the College of Agriculture of Puerto Rico recently spent several weeks on the island making collections of things terrestrial. According to local reports he found a rare heath(?) hen of which he secured several specimens. Half a day, April 12, was the duration of our stay at St. Eustatia. Here we made up a seining party and secured several fish and crustaceans.

Another brief halt was made at Roseau Roads, Dominica, April 14. Five hours were lost ashore because a hired car ran out of gas. A very interesting local museum, the Victoria Museum, is maintained here with a small but worthwhile collection of crustacea. Through Miss Eleanor Blanchard, the curator in charge (also the local librarian) I was apprised of the fact that a species of the very rare, and perhaps extinct, "diablotin" is the treasured possession of a local resident, also that Stephen Haweis lived here at Mount Joy. It occurs to me that Haweis might be persuaded in interesting himself in securing this species for the National Museum. I did not personally get to see him due to our misadventure with the auto. At the time it ran out of gas we were ten miles from Roseau and help. To our great good fortune a supply truck (auto) which serves the far side of the island at Grand Bay where we then were, happened by on one of its two-a-week runs, doubly fortunate for in its varied load -- flour to corrugated iron -- was included a five-gallon tin of "gas". For this we gladly paid the "two prices" asked and

a good tip besides as the driver said he had to square himself with the man who ordered it.

The stops at several of the islands were shortened in order to speed our arrival at Martinique and also to enable us to get at least as far south as Barbado^s before heading back, circumstances having arisen requiring the return of the ship to Charleston not later than the twentieth of May. So we were unable to visit Tobago and Trinidad as I had hoped.

From Rousseau Roads, Dominica, to Fort de France, Martinique, was less than an eight-hour run; the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth were spent here. The greater part of the second day was devoted to an auto trip to St. Pierre, a city today largely rebuilt, but which, back in 1902 was wholly wiped out, buildings and all. Of the population at the time, numbering thirty thousand, only one man lived to tell the tale after the explosive fury of Pelee had spent itself in a space of less than five minutes. The Citadel of Christophe, and St. Pierre were two of the outstanding features of the cruise.

We were fortunate in having had the opportunity of dredging off Fort de France. The French possessions in this part of the world are the original localities for certain West Indian invertebrates. Our hauls were especially rich in sponges, the best collecting of this sort encountered. The American Consul at Fort de France, Mr. V. Harwood Blocker, Jr. was most helpful, assisting us in the transaction of necessary ship's business, as well as, later accompanying me to the fish market and to the landing where the fishermen first bring their catches each morning. Martinique is indeed the fascinating place Lafcadio Hearn made it out to be. It is, as he called it, "Le Pays des Revenants" -- "the land of the comers-back". If one wishes to know the Martinique of today, as alive and colorful as it is, he should read Hearn's account written fifty years ago.* It could well have been but yesterday that it was done. The only difference is that there are autos, and the roads are better -- in spots. One of the most interesting places in St. Pierre is the Volcanological Museum, Frank A. Perret, Director. Here he has assembled many relics of old St. Pierre. This is supported by private subscription, Vincent Astor, William Mellon, G. F. Baker among others, and by grants from the Carnegie Corporation.

April 18 we arrived at Bridgetown, Barbado^s, 9 P. M. At that hour we were met by both the port doctor and harbor master and given clearance. The next day harbor master Commander Wynne took me on an all day trip for the purpose of collecting some of the fresh waters of the island. In the course of this excursion we investigated one of the

*"Two Years in the French West Indies". Harper's 1923 edition is the one I had.

underground water courses from which a considerable portion of the island's water supply is drawn, 260 feet beneath the surface. Descent was made in a bucket lowered by winch and steel cable. Although a baited trap was put out for several hours it was empty when we brought it up. In the St. Joe River (rather a small stream) across the island from Bridgetown we got two species of fresh water fish and shrimp. The new local museum, a flourishing concern with beautifully installed exhibits so far as they have gone, was shown us by Dr. Howell Clark, the curator. I missed meeting the very active secretary of the Society maintaining the Museum, Mr. E. M. Shilstone, with whom I had had some correspondence. He had been suddenly called to the States on urgent business and while there visited Mr. Austin Clark at the National Museum. Also made the acquaintance of an ardent amateur naturalist, chiefly interested in molluscs, a Mr. H. C. Rose, an operator in the local radio station, from whom I received some specimens. He also took Mr. Lunz out for an afternoon collecting at Oistins Bay. Rose promises us some of the fruits of his ~~journeyings~~ ^{journeys} afield and afloat. He expects to do considerable dredging. We left Barbados on the afternoon of the twenty-first of April for a return visit to St. Thomas which did afford the opportunity for further, much desired collecting. The two additional days spent here were devoted to reef, beach and freshwater collecting at five different localities in all. On this occasion I was taken around by Dr. T. H. Hayes, doctor in the Medical Corps of U. S. Navy, on duty with the local Marine detachment. Hayes reminded me that he was a former pre-medical student of yours at George Washington back in 1915. He asks to be remembered.

From April twenty-sixth to May first we were again at anchor in San Juan Harbor. While here I visited Dr. Wm. A. Hoffman at the School of Tropical Medicine, who has sent the Museum much valuable material from time to time. On another occasion went reef collecting at night with Lieut. J. M. Cabanillas of the U. S. Naval Radio Station. A number of specimens of several species that I had not otherwise been successful in catching were obtained. Included was a species of spiny lobster to which Lieut. Cabanillas had directed my attention, but which does not appear to have been noticed as occurring in Puerto Rico before - Panulirus guttatus.

On the run from Puerto Rico to Jamaica, May 1-4, porpoises appeared off the ship on several times, and as they seemed unquestionably different from any species yet seen on this cruise earnest efforts were made to harpoon at least one, but without success. The ship landed most of the party at Kingston for an overland auto trip to Montego Bay where we were to pick them up later. I remained with the Conrad in order to encourage further efforts to secure a specimen of these "Jamaica" porpoises but again we were unsuccessful, perhaps because of the short time they remained under the bow, or because they only showed but once late in the afternoon.

We called in at Cienfuegos, Cuba, on the seventh of May. The half day here was given over to hunting a large harbour porpoise seen

while proceeding to our anchorage. Just about the time we got within striking distance, our first and as it proved only chance of the day, the launch motor went dead. With a harpoon gun instead of a hand harpoon, I believe we'd have gotten one. This was the last time we saw these two or three individuals.

At Habana, three or four days later, afternoon of May tenth through May twelfth, I visited the University-Pöey Museum. Made arrangements with Dr. C. G. Aguayo for the receipt of a representative collection of Cuban crustacea. Also spent a day in the field with Dr. Pedro J. Bermudez, a student of Dr. Cushman's and lately a guest of our museum in the Department of Geology where he was working up some of his Cuban collections of foraminifera.

The night of May sixteenth saw us off quarantine at Charleston, South Carolina. Earlier in the day, when about fifty miles off the coast of Georgia, an adult female Prodelphinus with embryo young was taken. This is about the fifth porpoise embryo and I believe, the first of its genus ever to come to the Museum.

A visit to the Charleston Museum on the eighteenth, together with one to the local lighthouse tender, to examine some of the large coastal buoys from which Mr. Lunz had gotten some very fine series of xanthid crabs and to discuss the matter of collecting these and related material with some of the officials of the service, concluded my stay in Charleston.

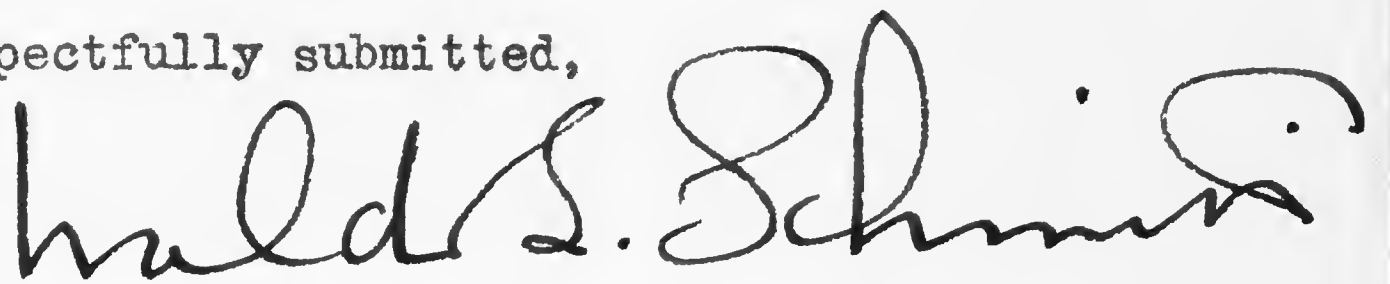
The ship left for New York at 5 P.M. on the seventeenth. Leaving Charleston the afternoon of the eighteenth, 4:15 P.M., I arrived in Washington, 7:50 A.M. on May 19th, and reported at the Museum at nine o'clock.

The cruise was a most successful one, covering about forty-five hundred miles and making nineteen stops at fifteen of the West Indies. A not inconsiderable collection of marine invertebrates was brought back, some algological material, the two adult porpoises and embryo already referred to, and a few miscellaneous items.

Among the many individuals to whom the Museum and I are particularly indebted are: "Bob", Robert G. Lunz of the Charleston Museum which loaned him to the expedition as scientific assistant, Mr. Maurice Petit, Director of the Botanic Garden at St. Thomas from whom I received a number of specimens of crustacea, Mr. D. V. Starroselsky, manager of the Government controlled Bluebeard Hotel at St. Thomas, who gave a great deal of his spare time in order to arrange several profitable contacts, Dr. T. H. Hayes also at St. Thomas, of the Medical Corps of

the U. S. Navy, Commander Wynne, R. N. (retired), Harbor Master at Bridgetown, Barbados,, Mr. V. Harwood Blocker, Jr., American Vice Consul at Fort de France, Martinique, and to Mr. G. Huntington Hartford, sponsor of the Expedition, Captain Alexander Troonin, the mates and other members of the crew of the Joseph Conrad.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Waldo L. Schmitt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Waldo L. Schmitt, Curator,
Division of Marine Invertebrates.

WLS:c's

UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM

WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 4, 1937.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
Havana, Cuba.

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Your radiogram announcing Havana as your next address is duly at hand. I am much pleased at the progress you have been making and look forward to the final collections when you return.

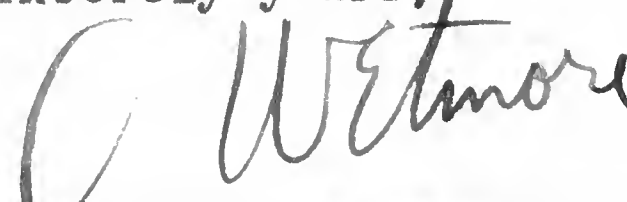
Mr. Miller has been in Panama this spring but landed in New York Sunday on his return. He lost his father during his absence and will have to take a few days at Peterboro, N.Y. to straighten out the affairs there. He expects to be there until the end of this week. He had better luck than you with porpoises as the last I heard he had 8 from the coast of Panama.

Bob Bartlett was in the other day making plans for his next journey to Greenland. I have asked Mr. Shoemaker to look into the matter of a collecting outfit for him though apparently you will be back yourself before it is time to make shipment to the Morrisy.

Spring is with us now in earnest with the leaves advancing rapidly though the weather still remains pleasantly cool.

With my kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



Assistant Secretary.

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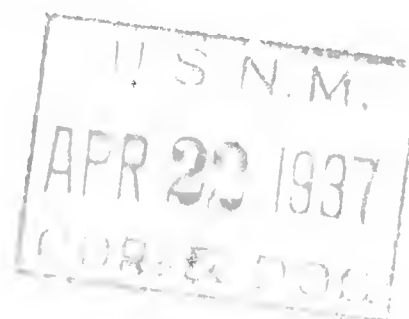
C O P Y of Radio from Yacht Joseph Conrad

May 2, 1937.

Dr. A. Wetmore,
National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Left San Juan early Saturday for Jamaica two three days
Next Santiago de Cuba then Havana last stop before Charleston
Still Hoping for at least another porpoise Next mail address
Havana May tenth to twelfth Regards from all

Schmitt.



NAU 22 RADIO YACHT JOSEPH COMRAD^N

-22- CK133 GOVT DH ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ TWENTYFIRST

GOVT DR A WEYMORE US NATIONAL MUSEUM WASHINGTON

TIME GETTING SHORT XN IT
WAS DECIDED TO TURN BACK FROM BARBADOS WHICH WE LEFT THIS AFTER-
NOON OF OUR THIRD DAY THERE GOT SOME INTERESTING FRESHWATER
CRUSTACEA AND FISH ARE HEADED FOR STTHOMAS UNDER FULL SAIL ITS A
SAILING SHIP AT HER BEST WITH THESE EASTERLY TRADES PUTTING BEST
FOOT FOREMOST HAVE WIRED POSTMASTER PORTOFSPAIN TO FORWARD ALL
MAIL SANJUAN WILL REACH STTHOMAS ON TWENTYTHIRD FOR TWO DAYS
THEN SANJUAN WHICH HAD BETTER BE NEXT MAIL ADDRESS FOR
THREE OR FOUR DAYS BEFORE PROCEEDING JAMAICA AND LATER SOUTH
COAST CUBA GOT IN SOME GOOD LICKS IN BARBADOS ENJOYED
VISITING NEW ^RMUSEUM THESE GIVE MY REGARDS TO MR SHILSTONE
TELL HIM COMMANDER WYNNE MOST HELPFULL WOULD LIKE TO RETURN

NAU 22 SHEET 2

HERE SOME DAY REGARDS FROM ALL

SCHMITT

CALLED MESSENGER AT 1220 PM ESB.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

April 20, 1937

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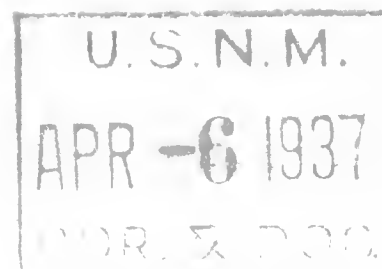
DR A WETMORE US NATIONAL MUSEUM, WASHINGTON DC

HAVE SEEN PORPOISES BUT TWICE SINCE SANJUAN; OFF REDONDO ROCK ON THIRTEENTH AND JUST BEFORE MARTINIQUE. DEFINITE SPECIES BUT REGRETABLY NO CAPTURE. SPENT TWELFTH AT SABA AND AFTER BRIEF STOPS AT EUSTATIUS AND DOMINICA PUT IN FIFTEENTH TO SEVENTEENTH AT FORTDEFRANCE MARTINIQUE. NOW ENROUTE BARBADOS. DUE THERE EIGHTEENTH FOR AT LEAST TWO DAYS. NEXT MAIL ADDRESS CARE POSTMASTER PORTOFSPAIN TRINIDAD. DUE THERE ABOUT TWENTYTHIRD FOR THREE DAYS. MISSED SEEING HAWK IS AT DOMINICA. TAXI RAN OUT OF GAS IN WOODS. STILL GOING STRONG. EACH AND ALL OF US IN BEST OF HEALTH. BEST REGARDS FROM THE OUTFIT

SCHMITT

ACIO YACHT JOSEPH CONRAD

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1937

GOVT DR. A WETMORE US NATIONAL MUSEUM WASHINGTON

ARRIVING STTHOMAS

TOMORROW. GOT FIRST PORPOISE SANJUAN HARBOR TUESDAY. FROM TRUE

TAKE IT TO BE TURSIOPS TURSIO EIGHTY FOUR INCHES LONG.

FEMALE. BOX BONES AND SALT SHIPPED COLLECT BULL LINE TO

BALTIMORE STEAMER BARBARA DEPARTED TODAY. BULL AGENT PROMISED NOTIFY

MUSEUM OF SHIPMENT. HYOID BONES WILL FOLLOW LATER BY MAIL. GENERAL

COLLECTING VERY GOOD. EXPECT TO BE WEEK IN VIRGINS ADDRESS

STTHOMAS. ALL WELL. REGARDS FROM HARTFORD AND REST OF US

SCHMITT

FOUNDED DR. WETMORE 2237/D

2000 VB 3APR

MAIL.....

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 27, 1937.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
c/o Yacht "Joseph Conrad"
St. Thomas, V. I.

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Your letters written prior to your leaving Florida and two radiograms have come duly to hand.

Manington is certainly wrong in his statement that porpoises inhabit saline lakes in Haiti. There are two lakes of this type in the Cul-de-Sac Plain back of Port-au-Prince, one called the Etang Saumatre and the other Lake Enriquillo. So far as I know the only life in them is the usual saline fauna. Certainly if there had been anything else Beebe would have written it up long ago in connection with his work on Haiti. I have been at the lake first mentioned and have had report from various people concerning the second one.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the release on the Smithsonian-Hartford expedition that may be of interest to Mr. Hartford.

Matters here are progressing as usual. Father McNally of Georgetown University who will accompany the Eclipse Expedition sponsored by the National Geographic Society to the Phoenix Islands has kindly said that he will be glad to pick up what he can in the way of alcoholic material for us. I am having a field chest prepared for his use to be sent along with the scientific gear for the expedition. We have sent copies of your radios to Mrs. Lunz and have also told Mrs. Schmitt of them by telephone.

Please give my regards to Mr. Hartford.

Sincerely yours,

A. Wetmore
Assistant Secretary.

RADIOGRAM

*by telephone from
Navy Dept.*

A. WETMORE

MAR 25 1937

March 24, 1937

YACHT JOSEPH CONRAD

A. Wetmore
Assistant Secretary
Smithsonian Institution

Appreciate wire re lake. Will spend twenty-fifth
Samana Bay then San Juan twenty-seventh to thirtieth.
Next to Virgins. Saint Thomas mail address for first
eight days April. Had unforgettable visit Christophe's
Citadel morning twenty-third. These waters so far are
porpoise but not crustacean free

Regards

Schmitt

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DR. SCHMITT

YACHT JOSEPH CONRAD NAR

MANNINGTON MUST REFER TO ETANG SAUMATRE EAST OF PORTAUPRINCE HAITI
STOP THIS HAS USUAL SALT LAKE FAUNTA HIS REPORT OF PORPOISE MUST
BE ERRONOUS.

WETMORE

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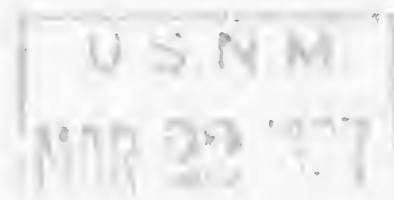
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C O P Y

NAVAL MESSAGE

Radio Yacht Joseph Conrad
Nineteenth NFT.

Dr. A. Wetmore,
U. S. National Museum,
Washington, D. C.



At San Salvador Columbus first landfall in New World.
Today both dredging and shore collecting. A number of
species crustaciens represented with few echinoderms and
some mollusks. Went diving and dredging in Nassau on
sixteenth. Have seen no porpoise since between Charleston
and Miami but gear is all rigged and laid out for instant
use. In George Manington "The West Indies" page one thirty
read that in Etang Saline Lake in Haiti two hundred feet
above sea level porpoise are found. Where is this Lake
located and is story true, Expect arrive Tortuga night
of twentieth for day or two before proceeding Cape Haitien.
All well and going strong. Regards from Mr. Hartford Too

Schmitt

Enclosure

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 9, 1937.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
c/o Captain John W. Mills,
1512 S.W. Second Street,
Miami, Florida.

Dear Dr. Schmitt:

Yours of March 6 is duly at hand. I have heard from Mr. Hartford with regard to publicity and have made arrangements for a release concerning the expedition. I gave Mr. True a memorandum on it but there is some supplemental matter in the one you enclose that will be useful.

I have heard this morning from the Navy Department with regard to radio communication and give you a copy of the letter herewith.

Matters move along here as usual. Father McNally of Georgetown University, who will accompany the Eclipse Expedition to the Phoenix Islands has called me saying that if I could have the necessary equipment sent to him he would be glad to try to pick up a few specimens for us. A very generous offer that we shall, of course, accept. I will talk to Shoemaker about the outfit and get it off in a short time.

I shall look forwarding to hearing from you as to the progress of your work. Please give my best regards to Mr. Hartford.

Sincerely yours,

G. Wetmore
Assistant Secretary.

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Saturday, March 6, 1937

Dear Dr. Wetmore:

Various delays have cropped up in what for the ship is its shake-down cruise, chiefly engine trouble. Just now we are waiting for some spare engine parts and a new set of batteries. These will hold us in Palm Beach until Thursday morning. Meanwhile, to insure a quick get-away from Miami, the captain and I will be motoring down to Miami on Monday--it's just 75 miles one way--to get everything ready for a quick pick up. We shall also be getting a stout 16-foot skiff as a work and landing boat for the collectors.

Mr. Hartford is not adverse to reasonable publicity and feels that the newspapers, if they ask for information, should be given something. It would not be amiss to send a note to Science and to the Museum Journal, and I would also like a copy sent the Explorers Club for their little journal. Also, I would like Henry to put something together for the Star. He probably has access to files of the Charleston papers. One of them took a pretty good interior of the wardroom which could be borrowed, and the Geographic or some news service could supply him or the Star with a picture of the ship under sail. I think it would be nice if the Star would reproduce that "Life" picture of the ship under full sail in their rotogravure section, perhaps full page size, stating that it is on the Smithsonian-Hartford Expedition to the West Indies. The Charleston papers have it that I am scientific director of the Expedition of which Mr. Hartford is sponsor and leader.

Hartford was much pleased with the idea of the labels we had printed. He passed one over to his wife at the dinner table last night. They seemed to like the idea very much that what they should get should be so ticketed, and had me explain the Acc. No. to them. The Hartfords have a couple of house guests and so wanted to arrange rooms at the Everglades Club for us, but I elected to stay aboard. Except yesterday, when we had lunch at the house, we shall be taking only our dinners there. They had asked us for all meals, and have put a car at our disposal.

They have a most beautiful new home just recently acquired as a sort of base of operations for Hartford's West Indian cruises. He is much interested in pirate lore and his wife speaks of spending this coming summer in England gathering information on them in their original home ports. Heyward, the writer, originally got him started on that tack, but, withal, he is interested in the scientific angles of the cruise, and is impressed with the prestige it will give the ship and her goings and comings. That personal visit he had with you was one of the best things that could have happened.

We are sailing under a sort of roving commission, as it were. With perhaps a one-day stop in Miami, we head for Nassau, Bahamas. Cuba is mentioned after that, but as we shall call at Jamaica on the way home, I would rather take in Cuba then, and go now from the Bahamas direct to Haiti. Hartford says we'll work out the cruise as we go along. San Juan, P.R. and St. Croix, however, are definitely in the books.

I shall keep you posted right along by wireless as to our moves and intentions. As I wrote you, WOPF is our call number, and if the Navy stations are instructed to forward any messages I send you from the Conrad we should have no difficulty in keeping in touch with one another.

Palm Beach is a delightful place, but Hartford regrets the delay as much as, if not more than, I do.

We are getting our gear lined up, but cannot well do much spreading out until after Miami. We shall do our best to make up for all delays once our work is actually under way.

Bob Lunz and Mr. Hartford, too, send regards.

Sincerely,

W. Schmitt.

P.S.

Dear Dr. Wetmore:

Herewith is a draft of sorts, a suggestion, part of which could be used for a note in Science, the Museums Journal, and Explorers Club. One copy, too, should be send Mr. Chamberlain, of the Charleston Museum, for Mr. Nielson with the Charleston Courier. Henry might welcome it as a nucleus for a note in the Star. Mr. Hartford is perfectly willing to go along with any publicity of which you approve.

Sincerely,

W. Schmitt.

Dear Dr. Wetmore:

My letter herewith will be easier to read if typewritten. Miss McCain handles my long-hand with very little difficulty and could be glad to type the letter off for you.

We are having grand weather. "Hoping you are have the same."

Yours,

W. Schmitt.

Bob address, I guess is, C. M. John E. Miller
MacCarthy thinks we may be 2-3 days
at Palm Beach. General
Delivery would get me there.
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM
WASHINGTON, D. C.
1512 S.W. 2nd St
Miami
Wed. morn.

I hear Jh. Wetmore,

So far so good.
After several nasty chilly days
(most unusual) at Charleston we
are on our way to Palm Beach to
pick up Mr. Hartford. We did
not come to Charleston as I
wrote you because of an attack of
flu.

This morning is one of those
nice warm yet brisk days that
are more typical of Charleston in
the winter and hold the promise of
more and better days to come.

Our quarters are small

but comfortable. It took some planning ^②
to get all of our belongings into the
stateroom assigned to us, but we
are now set and ready to begin
our getting our collecting gear
laid out for work. This morning
a thorough scrubbing of the deck in
preparation for the Palm Beach call
interfered so I took to letter writing
especially to thank the various folks
at Charleston for their hospitality
and kindness to me.

Jerry Sloan is a real good
scout and a great pleasure to
know, he thinks the world of all
of you and ways to be remembered
when I see you ever though you may
have those conversations meanwhile

Our delay in Charleston from Tuesday morning until evening, it was about 10^{p.m.} before we got away, was due to engine trouble, a blocked lubricating oil line. I'm glad it happened there and not out here off the coast; no danger but no breeze and we would have been becalmed right at the outset. Villiers had an engine too but that doesn't seem to have gotten into print anywhere. Ours is not the same, but a second hand one as that. The trouble was finally traced to a faulty valve which would not open all the way.

It's been replaced. No definite plans have been formulated as yet, but Heyward hopes to stop off in the Virgin Islands for a time. I don't know whether he expects to be picked up again or not. MacCarthy thinks we'll go down through the Bahamas, Haiti, P.R. Virgins & farther south, but back finally by way of Jamaica. Thus it would appear that we would not see much of Cuba until the way home. Two members of the crew have already volunteered as barbers, one John Hawkins (a good piratical name) is an ex-U.S. Navy man. I'm in great hope for a real bang up cruise. Regards
B. H. H.

F. R. SHIP JOSEPH CONRAD
CHARLESTON, S. C.

HARBOR

Glen Cove, Long Island, N.Y.
June 4, 1937.

Dr. Waldo L. Schmitt,
Smithsonian Institution,
United States National Museum,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doc:

Greetings, salutations and salvations. How's
the "Crustaceas" coming?

Everything is coming along fine on the "Tub"
especially in the wireless room. Believe that at last
they are going to do right by "their Nell". The Skipper
let about half of the crew go upon arrival here and
the other half are off on vacation. Among those who
got the ax were Hawkins, Erickson, Stanley Nelson,
Skagen, Lindh, the Swedish Song Bird, and a few others.

The Skippers address is (residence) 4 LaMarcus
Avenue, Glen Cove, Long Island, N. Y. (business) %
Joseph Conrad, Fyfe's Ship Yard, Glenwood Landing, Long
Island, N. Y. Mr. Hartford told him that you wanted
his address, and since I'm not getting my vacation
for some time my address will be the same as his, that
is, if you're gonna send me those pictures.

Sincerely hope that you found everything running
smoothly at home, and that you and yours are enjoying
the best of everything.

With very best regards,

Yours truly,

Sparks

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Dear Dr. Schmitt.

You mean man. Why don't you stop killing those poor porpoises. I'd suggest you take up anthropology? I think it's much more interesting. For instance take the Heidelberg Man, thus known because (1) He came from Heidelberg. (2) He was a man. The Heidelberg man spent most of his time dodging the Heidelberg women! So do many modern men in Heidelberg and elsewhere. Now, there, Don't you think that's just as interesting and much more humane than killing those poor defenseless creatures.

By the way Doctor, I didn't mean this to be an anthropological lecture, but a kind of farewell note. On the level, I've kinda enjoyed being with you, even though my morals aren't what they once were, and I'm kinda looking forward to being shipmates with you again sometime. Hoping you find everything hunky-dunk at home, and the family well. I'll just be seeing if you sometime.

Best regards, Sparks.

P.S. My address will be 100 West Will-horn Ave, Tampa, Fla.
and I'm gonna appreciate those pictures.

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Dear Loc,

216 Chestnut St
Lynn Mass
June 4/37

Thanks, received yesterday.
The Capt's. address is 4 La Marcus Ave
Glen Cove, N.Y. and all ship's
business could be addressed to
his home. Would advise sent
pictures directly to him, and he
can distribute them.

Several men have been
discharged, so their addresses I am
uncertain of. The ship is at
Tyte's Shipyard, Glenwood Landing
L.I. N.Y. and will be in
commission July 1st. Will be at
Newport for the races.

Hope when we go out next
winter that you are along.
I got an extension trip 15th
June for vacation, if it's
possible to have any pictures
reach me by then, I'd
appreciate, so I can show
them home.

What a nice power! To
hold the champagne for 2 years.
lay the bottles on the side
in a cool dark place, and
trust you enjoy it.

It certainly does feel
good to get home.

Sincerely Jack.